

I. Review

➤ Understanding God's Plan and the Devil's Opposition to It

Our last time together we finished Psalms Chapter 9, and I laid out for you the complete doctrine on Christ's plan and the devil's opposition to that plan throughout what we would call our modern history running from the crucifixion of Christ up to the time that we live in today. **It involves a total and complete understanding of the past, the present, and the future and how it relates to where we're at today.** It's so vital to be able to put those three aspects together.

In I Thessalonians 5:1, Paul told Timothy (and obviously speaking to us, too), that *of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.* We ought to know where we're at. Everything that's happening around us shouldn't catch us by surprise. When people don't understand it, fear and confusion come in, and we know what the devil does with that. **Paul spoke about us having a total and complete understanding of the hand of God as well as the work of the devil.** There are seven things in the Bible that God's people are told not to be ignorant of, yet for the most part they are completely ignorant of them. Three of them are the key to understanding what we're looking at—God's plan and what He's doing.

I laid out for you the final phase of the devil's work to destroy the nation of Israel. Don't be misled by anything you read or hear. **The bottom line in America and the world we live in is the complete and total destruction of the nation of Israel.** Many times it gets masked or hidden through smokescreens, and people get off point simply because there are other things happening; however, in the final analysis, that's what this is all about. You're seeing the beginning of the second holocaust of the Jew that's going to be headed up by America and some of the other nations.

➤ The Final Solution

In World War II, on January 20, 1942, Heinrich Himmler and the SS cohorts met in a little suburb outside of Berlin. In that meeting, they laid out the plan for the final solution which was the complete eradication of the Jews from Europe; additionally, as Germany wanted to take over the world, the complete eradication of the Jews from the world scene. A movie was made about this called *Conspiracy*. You'll know you have the right movie if the cover has two SS officers. It's one of the best movies showing you the whole meeting and what their conclusion was for the final solution—to wipe the nation of Israel off the face of the earth; yet it failed.

I've said before that the Third Reich and the final solution that they put forth was only a test run. The real final solution will be what's happening today which will bring us into the tribulation and the second coming. **But in truth, the final solution will be God's final one. It won't be about the eradication of the nation of Israel but of God's final solution to wipe out sin off this**

earth as well as remove the antichrist and devil, and then establish His kingdom. That is going to be the real final solution. Everything else is just parsley alongside your steak—it isn't worth eating.

➤ **The Devil at Work in the Church Age**

I showed you how at the first part of the church age, about 500 to 1500 AD, the devil tried to wipe out the church through tremendous persecution. Millions of Christians died under The Iron Heel of Rome, but when the Reformation came, the devil changed his attack. Now instead of going after them to destroy their bodies, he now goes after them to destroy their minds. Through the persecution, he could not get them to deny Christ; they died for their faith. Now he not only gets them through secular education to deny God, but through religious education, he gets them to deny the Bible. It's an incredible plan. He realized that the persecution and tough times brought upon Christians and Christianity only made them stronger. That is a great lesson for all of us today because **in the Christian life you can choose to either be a victim or to be victorious. It's your choice.** All down through history the men and women who truly were saved and went through the terrible times came out of the fire stronger than they went in. Look at the book of Job. Look at the nation of Israel who was stronger coming out of Egypt than when they went into it; moreover, they will be stronger having gone through the tribulation than when they go into it.

In the last half of the church age, 1500 up to the time we live in, the devil changed his attack through a process of radicalizing young minds first throughout Europe then later in the United States. I showed you where it started in Europe with the Counter-Reformation, which was the secular side, and then with the religious side which was the Oxford Movement. He now accomplished what he could not do through the colosseums, inquisitions, and the torture of the Roman Catholic Church, so through higher education, man sets himself up to be smarter than God (Ezekiel 28/Isaiah 14). We built everything around one verse in Psalms 9:17. *The wicked shall be turned into hell, [and] all the nations that forget God.*

In Daniel Chapter 2 with the beginning of the times of the Gentiles, you'll find in the ancient times the nations of Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome. Daniel Chapter 7 brings us up to modern history where we find England, Russia, and the United States. **I gave you the key verse to all of this, if you really want to break it down and study it, which was Job 41:12 where the Lord says about the devil and his work, *I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.***

➤ **Every Study in the Bible Leads to Multiple Other Studies**

We really got into it last week, and we're really going to get into it again today. The book of Psalms is an incredible book. You're going to find, and the whole Bible is this way, that once you start to study something in the Bible, whatever that subject matter is that you're going to study, you're going to see it develop into five more studies. Then as you get into those five studies, you're going to find ten more studies. This is the way the Bible works. There was a time in my life where I read through the Bible every 33 days; however, now when I start to read it, it can take me 33 days to get through one verse because God shows you things which you

must stop and investigate. That in turn opens something else, and before you know it, you've spent four or five hours on something that God wanted to show you. Every study you take is going to develop itself into multiple studies.

II. Psalms 10:1-9 – Breaking Down the Verses

Today, we're going to begin to look at Psalms 10 which obviously will be a Tribulation Psalm.

*Psalms 9: 1-9. Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? [why] hidest thou [thyself] **in times of trouble?***

*² The wicked in [his] **pride** doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.*

³ For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, [whom] the LORD abhorreth.

*⁴ The wicked, through the **pride** of his countenance, will not seek [after God]: God [is] not in all his thoughts.*

⁵ His ways are always grievous; thy judgments [are] far above out of his sight: [as for] all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

⁶ He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I [shall] never [be] in adversity.

⁷ His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue [is] mischief and vanity.

*⁸ He sitteth in the **lurking places of the villages (the political side of things): in the secret places (the religious side of things)** doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.*

⁹ He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

A. *Psalms 10:1. Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? [why] hidest thou [thyself] **in times of trouble?***

This first verse sets the context, and the key word here is obviously *in times of trouble*.

Historically, this is all about David's enemies. Doctrinally, it's about the tribulation and Israel's enemies. Inspirationally, it's another great lesson for us to go along with last week's message, and we'll get into that again probably next week.

You'll see in verses 2-9 the devil now in full operation mode moving toward the second holocaust. **The key to the devil, found in verses two and four, is the word *pride*.** This is his #1 problem. In Proverbs 6:16-19, it talks about the six things the Lord hates with the seventh being an abomination. These are the seven things that make up the devil's character, and number

one is pride. Pride will be the number one problem the devil has, so mark it down, it will be the number one problem that man has whether he is saved or lost—it's getting through the pride to admit where he's at or what he needs to change in his life.

B. *Psalms 10:2. The wicked in [his] **pride** doth **persecute the poor**: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.*

In verse 2, and you'll want to mark some of these key words because they're going to be words that you're going to use throughout your Bible, it says *the wicked in his **pride** doth persecute **the poor***. Now **when you find the poor in the Bible, I don't care where it is, it's always going to be a reference to the nation of Israel**. It's one of your key words. In this life, God equates the Jew as poor, and people take advantage of them because they had no homeland until 1948 and all those things.

C. *Psalms 10:3. For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, [whom] the LORD abhorreth.*

In verse 3, it says that **the wicked now calleth the things of the devil blessed**. Boy, does that fit into today! This is Isaiah 5:20 which says, *Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil*. We see the wicked now calling the things of the devil blessed. You see this in the Catholic church, Protestant churches, Neo-evangelical churches, and even in Baptist churches.

This week the Kansas City Chiefs kicker, Harrison Butker, gave a commencement address in which he talked about being a good parent. He talked about having a good solid marriage relationship and being responsible in your marriage and for your kids. He's a Catholic and probably not even saved, but he understood the moral value of what he said. He no more finished that and was attacked on all sides. The media started tearing what he said apart. The Chiefs and the NFL even came out and said it wasn't necessarily their stand on the matter. This is in spite of the NFL having at least 120 players who have beat their wives. There were players arrested for drug possession and another who got in a drag race in Texas, wrecked multiple cars, then got in a fight in a bar in Kansas City. Yet you don't hear anything about that, and you won't because they will smooth it all over. But a guy that gets up and takes a stand for family, training your children correctly, and the validity of the family and a wholesome relationship gets clobbered. It's because the devil now calls the things that are wicked blessed and that which is good is now called evil.

D. *Psalms 10:4. The wicked, through **the pride of his countenance**, will not seek [after God]: God [is] not in all his thoughts.*

The pride of his countenance: **it's pride that keeps people from doing what's right whether you're saved or whether you're lost**. You have a problem with somebody in the church or somewhere else, it's pride that keeps you from fixing it. In the unsaved world, it's pride that keeps man from finding God.

In the context here, they have been radicalized to forget God. They forget who he is, and man now thinks he knows more than God, pride comes in, and in 1 Corinthians 8:1, *Knowledge puffeth up*. This is the exact problem the devil had in Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14.

E. *Psalms 10:5. His ways are always grievous; thy judgments [are] far above out of his sight: [as for] all his enemies, he puffeth at them.*

There is nothing good about him. All his ways are grievous. He's prideful; he fears nobody. **Every man or woman in the world who thinks that a life outside of God and doing your own thing is going to be a blessing to you...it's grievous because it all ends in a dead-end street.**

F. *Psalms 10:6. He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I [shall] never [be] in adversity.*

Boy, have I met a lot of God's people like that! He's not going to change. The Bible says in *John 8:44, Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do*. The old adage: like father, like son. You see these characteristics in unsaved people but unfortunately sometimes in God's people, too.

G. *Psalms 10:9. He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.*

A lion that lieth in wait secretly—that would be **I Peter 5:8 where your adversary, Satan as a lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour**. In this case, it's Israel (the poor).

And now in the final phase, we see all the nations that are going to be against God's people—the nation of Israel. That's the world today.

III. Today God is Hiding Himself from the Jew

I want to focus on one verse today and lay out yet another great teaching in your Bible. We're going to have another little Bible study this morning, and I want you to look at verse one.

Psalms 10:1 Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? [why] hidest thou [thyself] in times of trouble?

Now this verse will be the key to yet another study found in the word of God. Once you start a study in the Bible, you'll find five others, and when you get into those, you'll find ten more.

The teaching here is about God hiding Himself from the Jew in the church age and into the tribulation with God revealing Himself at some point to the Jew. Right now, from Acts 7 up to today, God has hidden himself from the Nation of Israel. I want to develop that for you today. There are a lot of misconceptions today in Christianity about God's relationship with Israel as well as the Christian's relationship with Israel.

- To understand and develop this, we need to go back to Matthew 13:44.

Matthew 13:44. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Now this verse will be the key to God hiding Himself in Psalms 10:1, but for us to put it in a context, we've got to go back and look at the first three verses in Chapter 13.

Matthew 13:1-3. The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.

² And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

³ And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

What we have here is the beginning of the parables in the New Testament. The parables themselves are a great study of everything, but individually they're a great study too. Today we want to see how all this fits into Psalms 10. Every week I try to give you a little more insight into something that's going to give you a little more of the overall concept of God and the Bible.

We need to lay out a basic outline for at least part of the book of Matthew. In the book of Matthew, Christ is portrayed as the King of the Jews. He comes to Israel to present Himself as their King. In the book of Mark, He's portrayed as a Servant. In Luke, He's portrayed as the Son of man and in John, the Son of God.

IV. Breaking Down Matthew Chapter by Chapter

Matthew broken down chapter by chapter will illustrate all that is happening with Christ and Israel as He now comes to Israel claiming to be their King. You will see how all the parables in Matthew 13, and in particular verse 44, now fit in.

- **Matthew Chapter One - Here you have the genealogy of Christ going back through the kings of Israel.** In Matthew 1, His genealogy comes through the Kingly line. There are two genealogies given in the gospels concerning Christ. In Matthew Chapter 1, you have the kingly line running down through the kings of Israel (King of the Jews). In Luke Chapter 3, you have His human line as the Son of man. You need to know when you look at it that it doesn't go through Joseph because Joseph was not technically His father. It goes through Mary, and that's a good study in itself.
- **Matthew Chapter Two - Here we see the declaring of Him as King.** You will find that Christ is about 2-3 years old. He's in a house, not in a manger. He's a young child rather than a baby. Christmas stories and cards mix it all together. We see that wise men from the east show up looking for the King of the Jews. There's no question about that. The Bible says they're from the East which is back in Babylon. That's where the book of

Daniel was written. These wise men obviously have the complete Old Testament and particularly the book of Daniel. With the book of Daniel and the Old Testament, you can put together almost exactly to the year, the place, and the time that the Messiah, the King of the Jews, would be born. These men are called wise men because they're studying the Bible, and now from the Old Testament and the book of Daniel, they go right to the house for the first coming of Christ.

I think that's a great study in itself, because here we are today right before the second coming of Christ. Just as the wise men could use the Bible to learn when He was coming the first time in a general sense, we ought to be able to do the same thing today through the word of God to find out where He is with the second coming. Like I said earlier, once you open up a study in the Bible it will grow legs.

- Matthew Chapter Three – **Here we find the heralding of the King.** This will be John the Baptist who shows up six months ahead of Christ's public ministry. He tells the Jews two basic things—the kingdom of heaven is here, and your King is here; He comes to Israel.
- Matthew Chapter Four – **Here you'll find the temptation of the King.** This is where the devil takes Him on a high mountain, and there are some great studies there. Most people don't see the reason why Christ had to be tempted. Now, I get it. Hebrews 4:15 says, *for we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as [we are], yet without sin.* And that is true, but here is the real kicker. In I Corinthians 15:45-49, Christ is called the second Adam. **The reason why He had to be tempted by the devil is because the first Adam was tempted by the devil and failed. To fix that, the second Adam had to go through the same temptation and come out victorious.** Boy, you want a study on how to beat temptation in your life, there it is.
- Matthew Chapters Five, Six, and Seven – **Here we find the Constitution of His government within His coming kingdom.** This is commonly called the Sermon on the Mount. **It's all dealing with the way the structure in the millennial kingdom is going to operate.** There's nothing here in the church age that you can directly apply to yourself without getting into trouble or cutting it here and pasting it there. Yet the Catholics, Neo-Evangelicals, Protestants, and some Baptists will try to do just that, and of course, you just cannot.
- Matthew Chapters Eight and Nine – **Here we find the proof of Him being their King. These will be the signs, the wonders, and the healing that He does.** Back in Exodus 4:6, the first case of healing is Moses putting his hand in his bosom and bringing it out leprous, then putting it back in, bringing it back out, and he's healed. **The Jew is told that it's the way that God is going to reveal Himself to them—through the miracles, signs, and wonders.** When we get to I Corinthians 1:22, we read *for the Jews require a sign.* So, when they see Him doing the miracles of raising the dead and all the other

things, they know their Old Testament. They should know that is proof of His credibility that He is who He says He is.

Charismatics take that today and try to put it into the church. A friend of mine who was a Charismatic had a serious medical problem. He immediately went to the hospital. I asked him, with what he believes, why did he rush to the hospital instead of rushing to his church? He had been telling me for years that God heals. They put that out, but when you call them on it, they get mad. I asked another one about all the healings that they do that don't work. He said they just didn't have enough faith. What??? Christ raised dead people. How much faith does a dead man have? But see, they get this out of context and don't understand anything about the book of Matthew.

The Jew requires a sign. Tongues were for a sign. Healing was for a sign, and when they saw Christ doing that, then they should have known from their Bible that He was the real deal.

- **Matthew Chapter Ten – Here we have the calling out of the 12 and sending them out to preach the gospel of the kingdom.** Now here, he sends out the 12 to preach to Israel. He tells them to preach that the kingdom is here, the King is here, and **you'll notice that they are specifically told not to go to any Gentiles or Samaritans, only to the whole house of Israel.**
- **Matthew Chapter Eleven – Here you begin now to see the opposition to Him as King and His coming kingdom.** We see His four enemies go to work—Rome, the scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees. Rome cuts the head off John the Baptist to get rid of him, and now we see the enemies of God begin to attack the Lord Jesus Christ. It's what I've told you many times...God will move to do something, and the devil moves to counter it.
- **Matthew Chapter Twelve – Here we see the complete rejection of the King and His coming kingdom.** Here they commit, in a word that the Charismatics like to throw around, the unpardonable sin. The Charismatic church teaches that there is a sin, although they don't know what it is, that you can commit for which you cannot get pardoned; a sin that God will never forgive you for. They base it on Matthew 12 with no understanding of the book of Matthew. They base it on this text here with no understanding of what God is doing.

➤ The “Unpardonable Sin”

I've never met a Charismatic anywhere in over 50 years of ministry who ever understood anything about the Bible past John 3:16. They say that there is an unpardonable sin that if a Christian commits, he loses his salvation and of course God will never forgive him for that particular sin. What sin that is depends on who you talk to. That's not what you've got here. Let's look at verses 31-32 and keep it in the context.

Matthew 12: 31-32. Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy [against] the [Holy] Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

³² And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the [world] to come.

People ask, “Bob, how do you know that’s not a Christian?” Because the church isn’t even in effect yet! There are no Christians here. You may want them to be, but they’re not. He’s talking in the context to the nation of Israel. Here’s what has happened. In Matthew 12:24, when Christ is doing all these great miracles by the Spirit of God, the Scribes and the Pharisees (His enemies) now tell everybody that the spirit by which Christ is doing all of these miracles is the spirit of Beelzebub (that’s the chief of the devils).

Here's what this sin is...He's simply saying to Israel that they can say something against the Son of Man and God will forgive them, but when they equate God's Holy Spirit with the spirit of the devil, and as long as they hold that position, they aren't ever going to get forgiven. It's not any more complicated than that.

Once He lays that out, then He gives you an example in Matthew 12:43-45 when He tells the story where an unclean spirit goes out of a man, walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. He goes back to the man but brings seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and then it says, *even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.* He’s talking to Israel. **Those seven unclean spirits that he brings back with him are found in Proverbs 6:16. They’re the seven things that God hates.** It’s so simple.

- **Matthew Chapter 13** – Now all this leads us to Matthew Chapter 13. **After the rejection of the kingdom message in chapter 12, Israel has made their rejection.** I’ve just walked you through the first 12 chapters that show you every aspect of that. **Now the kingdom message, because of that rejection, goes into a mystery form called the parables.** There are 12 parables because there are 12 tribes to the nation of Israel. They’re called mysteries in the Bible, and yet if you study, you’ll find that there are two sets of mysteries in the Bible. **There’s a set of mysteries for the nation of Israel which are called the parables and there’s a set of mysteries for the church that you and I in I Corinthians 4 are told to be stewards of if you’re a pastor.** And yet it’s hard to find a pastor who even knows what they are.

We are told in Matthew 13:13-15 why this happens. **Now, the disciples are confused. They’ve been sent out; they’ve been given a clear directive and they’ve been preaching the kingdom, and suddenly it all changes!**

Matthew 13:10-16. And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

*¹¹ He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries (**there it is**) of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.*

So then He goes on and tells them, after saying that...

¹² For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

¹³ Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

¹⁴ And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

*¹⁵ For this people's (**Israel's**) heart is waxed gross, and [their] ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with [their] eyes and hear with [their] ears (**the message of Christ their King**), and should understand with [their] heart, and should be converted (**Israel as a nation**), and I should heal them.*

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

Now this is a reference out of Isaiah 6:9-10, and it's a prophecy saying what was going to happen to Israel when they made their rejection. So now we can better understand Psalms Chapter 10, and the key to that is Matthew 13:44. Let me break this down for you; you've got to get this verse broken down.

V. Matthew 13:44 is the Key to Psalms 10:1

Matthew 13:44. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

➤ There are six key points to this parable.

We could take every parable and do the same thing with it.

1. **Kingdom of Heaven** – Notice it's the Kingdom of Heaven. It has to do with the nation of Israel.
2. **Like unto Treasure Hid** – Now that treasure, found in Deuteronomy 31:17, Isaiah 54:8, Exodus 19:5, Psalms 135:4, will be the nation of Israel.
3. **In a Field** – The field, Matthew 13:38, is defined as the world.
4. **A Man** – The man, Matthew 13:37, is the Son of man.

5. **When he finds it, because of the rejection, he hideth** - You'll find that he hideth, or a form of it, in Deuteronomy 31:17, Isaiah 45:15, Isaiah 54:8, and Isaiah 57:17.
6. **For joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field** – That is a reference to after the rejection. Christ now joyfully going to the cross, dying for the world (John 3:16), and buying the field (the world) by going to the cross.

The key there is the fact that after Acts Chapter 7, which is their final rejection, the next 2,000 years Christ, because of their rejection, hides Himself from the nation of Israel. Now this is laid out for us as Christians in the book of Romans, so we don't get the wrong idea and turn against the Jew.

VI. False Concepts Developed by the Devil Concerning Israel and the Church

In church history over the centuries, two concepts have been developed by the devil concerning Israel and the church. One is that God is all finished with the Jew. This will be the position the Roman Catholic Church takes. The Roman Catholic Church takes the position that God is done with the Jew, and the Roman Catholic Church has now taken the place of the nation of Israel. That's why they hate the Jew. That's why it wasn't until Vatican 2, which took place in the 60's, before they finally absolved the Jews of the death of Christ. Up to that point, they were Christ killers. This is why the Catholic church butchered them and murdered them all down through history along with the Bible believers.

Like we talked about last week, there is a connection between the Roman Catholic Church and the Muslims. When Yasser Arafat started the Palestinian movement, Israel had been a nation for 20 some years. That movement becomes what we call Palestine today. When that happened, the pope in power at that time, recognized the state of Palestine as a true state. They have never recognized the state of Israel nor will they. Arafat was a Muslim, but he married a Gentile blond woman who is Roman Catholic. Now in the Muslim faith, if you're a Muslim and you marry somebody outside the Muslim faith; well, that just doesn't happen—especially a Roman Catholic. They hate Catholics because of the Crusades, but they were okay with that. Maybe you don't see it just yet, but I'm telling you, the connection is very obvious if you know where to look.

The second idea that the devil came up with was that the Gentile nations have taken the place of the Jews. The teaching is that the Jews in Jerusalem and around the world now are not really the true Jews. The Gentiles in Europe, now through a process, become the true Jews, and the Jews in Jerusalem are no longer the true Jews. In time, it moves over into America. Now there are many people who believe this today. It was really grounded in the later part of the 19th century with Edward Hines, Edward Wheler Bird, and then Herbert Aldersmith. They were the ones that really propagated what has come to be known as British Israelism—the fact that England took the place of the Jew and then as it moved into America, we are the real Jews. They claim that God is all finished with the nation of Israel. This was propagated in America by Herbert W. Armstrong of the Worldwide Church of God who claimed that the real Jews in Jerusalem and

around the world were not the true Jews but rather the Gentiles, starting in England and then coming over into America, are the true nation of Israel.

Now let me just say this. Nowhere in the Bible is this even remotely suggested. This is one of the most absurd lunacies of heresy that you could ever be part of...the idea that we now have taken the place of the Jew. It's because they have no Bible. It's all built up on their own non-Biblical foundations. **They don't even stop and consider how many places in the Bible, over 500 in the Old Testament alone, that say He's coming back to the Jew, and the Jew is going to be restored.**

VII. Romans Chapters 9-11 and the Correct Relationship Between Israel and the Church

In your Bible, this is where the book of Romans will be our complete guide to all that the church is to believe and is to follow. **In Romans 9-11, you have God dealing with Israel and His hiding from the Jew in the church age. The context is Israel in the church age, and how we deal with them in light of New Testament doctrine of how God is hiding Himself from them.**

➤ A Quick Overview of Romans 9-11

- In Romans 9, he shows us how Israel got into the mess that they got into and why God now is hiding from them.
- In Romans 10, he shows us that because God is hiding from them, the church age comes into effect, and it's going to the Gentiles. God now is hiding Himself from the Jews—Psalms 10:1, Matthew 13:44.
- In Romans 11, we are told that God is going to restore the nation of Israel, and He is NOT talking about Gentiles. He's going to restore the nation of Israel at the second coming after they go through their judgment in the tribulation.

The key passage is found in Romans 11:25-29. When you listen to some of the heresy put out today, you're a long way from the Bible.

*Romans 11:25-29. For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery (**but boy, they are!**), lest ye should be wise in your own conceits (**you will be**); that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*

²⁶ *And so all Israel shall be saved (**as a nation**): as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*

²⁷ *For this [is] my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.*

Now here's what he says in the church age. He just told you that he's going to save the nation of Israel and then he says to us...Hey! That's what I'm going to do with Israel, but as concerning the gospel (the church age) ...

²⁸ *As concerning the gospel (the church age), [they are] enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, [they are] beloved for the father's sakes (they are going to be your enemy because they have rejected Christ, the New Testament, and the Gospel, but He is going to restore them. So, they may be against you, but you are never to be against them).*

²⁹ *For the gifts and calling of God [are] without repentance.*

The nation of Israel is the beloved of the father. God hides Himself now because of their rejection but will reveal Himself to them in the tribulation, and they'll be reinstated at the second coming.

➤ America Dealing with the Nation of Israel Today

Now for America and her survival today, my advice to anyone out there that has more power in the government than I have is give Israel everything they need. Don't just give them enough so they can stay ahead but not win. Give them everything they need to destroy everybody and every nation out there; you give them the tools, and they'll get the job done. They always have. **You've got to realize that they are God's chosen people, and when you choose the other people over God's people, you're going to be in trouble.** Now I say that full well knowing that it's too late; nothing is going to change, and I get that.

➤ For the Gifts and Calling of God are without Repentance

Romans 11:29. For the gifts and calling of God (to Israel) are without repentance.

Everybody gets the word repentance wrong. They think it means that they don't have to get right. This repentance here, as in your life and my life, has nothing to do with salvation. It has to do with a change of direction. **What He's saying here is that the gifts and the calling that God has given to Israel, through the Covenant of Abraham, are without repentance; that is, God isn't going to change that direction. They are on task to be restored.**

➤ Why God is Hiding Himself from the Nation of Israel Today

So, when He says in Psalms 10:1, why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble, now you know what He's saying and why He's saying it. During the church age, after Acts 7, God goes behind the scenes with Israel. He hides Himself from them even though they are still His people. This is based on what took place in Matthew 11, 12, and 13 with their rejection and then later on in Acts 7. **Yet all the while He's hiding Himself, He is setting up the world leaders, the world events, nations, governments, everything...setting up the world for His coming to establish the kingdom to Israel.** The tribulation will be their chastisement. When they get into that terrible last half of the tribulation, God sends them Moses and Elijah and most likely Jeremiah, God then at some point reveals Himself to them, they turn back to God, and then God takes them into the millennium and heals them.

Right now, in the church age, He's hiding from Israel because of their rejection. Next week, I want to take this same chapter and show you how it fits inspirationally into your life and my life.

There's a lot of confusion in Christianity today, and a lot of things going on that have nothing to do with the Lord. And the answer to that is to find out what God is doing with the church.

VIII. Summary

As we go through Psalms, you will see that the book of Psalms will be the heart of God in everything that He does. Most people look at Psalms as a very light devotional book that you go to in times of trouble. It's so much more than that. **Psalms will open up everything that God is doing because the book of Psalms is God's heart.** This is why it's one of the five wisdom books, and I've shown you how those five wisdom books match up to the things of God.

Being the heart of God, Psalms will be the key place to build your relationship with Him not just on the surface level, but by doing what we're doing which is getting down into the depth. It's looking at it and learning every week another piece of your Bible which will translate in time to another piece of God's plan and where you fit into it. It's week after week adding these things to your faith as you grow in the word of God, and as I said early on, one study will lead to five more and from there ten then twenty more.

In Ephesians 3:8, there is a great phrase that I have always really loved. It calls the word of God *the unsearchable riches*. **The word of God is unsearchable though it needs to be researched every day; however, you'll never get to the end of the research because every study will grow into more studies.** There will never be a day where there is nothing more to study. It will always branch off into something else. That's why Christianity and your time in the word of God needs to be a lifelong venture. It needs to be pursued every day of your life where you get into the word of God, you follow it, study it, you break it down, and in time the word of God will infill you and enrich you to the place where everything in your world and life you will see through the eyes of the Lord Jesus Christ.