



As you know that when you check in for a flight, you are always asked a standard set of security questions, therefore, I would like to ask you a set.



## Security Questions:

1. **Do you understand the six days of Genesis 1 to be literal 24-hour six days?**
2. Isaiah 11:6-8 speaks of a time coming in history when the nature of animals will actually be changed from ferocious to gentile, from meat eating to plant eating, from poisonous to innocuous, etc.  
*The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.*

Do you believe this is literal or allegorical?

3. **How do you understand Revelation 20:3-5?**

*And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*

Is Satan bound today or in the future? Will it be for a literal 1000 years or is that symbolic of a long period of time?

4. **How do you understand Revelation 20:4-6?**

*And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*

Does this refer to a literal time in future history of 1000 years? Is there only one general resurrection or is there a separate resurrection for believers from unbelievers?

5. **Do you believe the Books of Daniel and Revelation describe literal 7-years of tribulation for the world and Israel, but not for Church age believers?**
6. **Do you believe there will be a millennial river beginning at the Jerusalem Temple and flowing into both the Dead Sea (which will then be a living sea) and the Mediterranean Sea? (Zech 14:8)**

- 7. **Do you believe that Jesus Christ is a reigning King today, enthroned in heaven?**
- 8. **When someone receives Jesus Christ as their saviour, do you say “Another person has been brought into the kingdom?”** Do you ask **“Is Jesus king of your life?”**
- 9. **Do you quote this verse at the start of a service of worship?** Does it apply to the church worship service, Israel’s feast celebration or what?

*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together: Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.*

Psalm 122:1-5

**10. How do you interpret this verse:**

*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

2 Chronicles 7:14

This has just been a sample to help you to realize that the route you follow does affect many other areas.



**Why is Replacement Theology Popular?**

It appeals to man’s pride – Romans 11:18, 25

*Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee....For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*

**[Click]** It appeals to man’s anti-Semitic nature – Eph 2:14, 15

*For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;*

**[Click]** It assists Satan to maintain his kingdom on this earth. Because when Israel repents and turns to Him, then He will return to rule for 1000 years on the earth. We are setting people up to drive Jewish people from God.

*And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*

Zech 12:10

*And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity:*

*Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.*

Leviticus 26:41, 42

## What has been the Result?

“All doctrine has practical implications. What are the practical implications of those who hold to the view that most (in some cases, all) Bible prophecy has already been fulfilled?”<sup>1</sup>

## Doctrine is Very Important

Your see, what many consider a minor doctrine is actually quite major and relevant to our Christian lives. Eschatology is not the only area of Christian theology to have been affected by the Church’s views concerning Israel.

In many churches, when there was a “loss of eschatological precision has been followed by the demise of mission.”<sup>2</sup> With no goal of history or purpose to world events, churches lose focus and seek some other goal, such as social good.

Further, “Since Israel is a subject found on just about every page of the Old and New Testaments, to get that subject wrong can only lead to a mega-distortion of Scripture. This has indeed been the case throughout the history of the church.”<sup>3</sup>

Whenever we treat God’s Word lightly or interpret it in a sloppy manner we not only do God and His Word a disservice, but we begin to lead others astray.

In our age, everyone is asking for relevant teaching of the Bible and not doctrinal teaching. Thus, in a desire for relevancy, the Old Testament is either not taught, or is spiritualized to make it relevant to church people. But many passages are about Israel and hence are not directly relevant to the church. On the other hand, the Old Testament is given as examples for us.

*But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted....Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world [age] are come.*

1 Corinthians 10:5, 6, 11

So, be careful, teach them as examples, but don’t spiritualize just to make them applicational to modern Christians.

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<sup>1</sup> LaHaye & Ice, 419.

<sup>2</sup> Diprose, 141.

<sup>3</sup> Thomas Ice. “What is Replacement Theology?” 2.



## DR. JOHN WHITCOMB WARNS OF SOME ERRORS IF YOU TAKE THE ROUTE OF REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY:

Serious Theological Error results from every effort to incorporate Israelite functions into the church today

1. **Personal character error:** by denying to Israel her functional distinctives, Christians fall under the warning of the apostle Paul: “Do not be arrogant toward the (Israelite) branches...lest you be wise in your own estimation” (Rom. 11;18, 25).

Sunday is called the Sabbath – Acts 20:7, Col. 2:16

Local churches were named temples or tabernacles (1 Cor. 6:19)

Church governments declared some men as priests (1 Pet. 2:5, 9)

2. **[Click]** The **hermeneutical error** and danger of denying the clear revelation of God’s prophetic program for Israel: “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!” (Luke 24:25). Many New Testament passages do not make sense when the Jewish people are replaced by the Church

3. **[Click]** The **soteriological error** of mixing Mosaic and Christian programs and thus falling into the heresy of Galatianism (Gal. 3:1-3).

The laws of the Old Testament – food, etc. have been applied today to Christians (1 Cor. 9:20)

It permits men to avoid certain consequences of the Scripture by allowing allegorization – baptism, confirmation, true Gospel of faith.

Child baptism became the Christian version of circumcision (Acts 2:38-39)

Children of believers came under the covenant, as once taught in Judaism

A loaf of bread replaced unleavened bread at the Lord’s table

4. **[Click]** The **mission error** of confusing Israel’s distinct pattern of government, society, and economics with the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ to His Church. Note how this has helped to bring about such ecclesiastic monstrosities as the Roman Catholic Church.

The Medieval Church took the ancient “apostles creed” and understood “the communion of saints” as suggesting intercession in heaven by the saints, hence prayer to saints.<sup>4</sup>

Since, the chief priests became such through a birth succession, so to the popes were apostolic succession, thus, the were God rulers on earth and their period of office became known as their reign, from Gregory’s time on.<sup>5</sup>

Note also the trends in Seventh-Day Adventism and other socio-economic cults. Watch carefully the rise of postmillennialism within evangelical Protestantism, and the new “two-pronged Gospel” or social/political/evangelism blend that characterizes the neo-evangelical movement today and its appeals to the theocracy of Israel for its

<sup>4</sup> Diprose, 169.

<sup>5</sup> Diprose, 171.

basic guidelines. For one recent critique of the “two-pronged Gospel,” see Gary T. Meadors, “John R. W. Stott on Social Action,” *Grace Theological Journal* (October, 1980).<sup>6</sup>

The doctrinal error of appropriating Israel distinctives to the Church



Finally

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

2 Timothy 3:16-2:5

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<sup>6</sup> John C. Whitcomb. “The Church is Not Israel” handout notes given at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana. n.d. p. 3.