

Interlude: who can best view the Bible – a Jew or gentile?

Interlude 2

Main Topics

Key points

- Old testament prophecies were for gentiles too!
- Lineage of Jesus includes gentiles
- New Testament Gospels state Jesus came for gentiles also
- Jesus is also a Jew
 - Jesus is the Messiah - Hebrews
 - Cultural idioms which gentiles miss – need both!
- Israelites are awaiting the Messiah! Christians are waiting for his return!
- Gentiles view things from Greek logical thinking while Jews look at eastern logical thinking

- Case Study: How Jewish Rabbis view coming of Messiah and 3rd Temple

Old testament prophecies were for gentiles too!



God's Plan has always been for both the Jews and the Gentiles

All families – all nations

Genesis 12:3 ESV - I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you **all the families of the earth** shall be blessed.

Isaiah 49:6 ESV: he says:

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you **as a light for the nations**,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

- This foundational covenant with Abraham promises blessings to all families of the earth through his descendants/ Isaiah backs it up.

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The foreigners and the nations

- **Isaiah 60:3 ESV:** And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
- **Isaiah 56:6-8 ESV:** “And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—
7 these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”
- Many other references in Psalms, Amos and Zachariah

The promise of salvation

For Everyone

- The Nations (**Amos 9:11-12; Psalm 67:2-3; Zechariah 2:11**)
- Foreigners (**Isaiah 56:6-8**)
- All families (**Genesis 12:3**)
- All the ends of the earth (**Psalm 22:27**)

- Salvation for All

Lineage of Jesus includes gentiles



Two Gentile women in lineage of Jesus

Gospel records

- Jesus Lineage thru Joseph
 - Matthew 1:4 ESV ⁴ and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ and **Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth**, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of David the king.
 - 1 Chr 2 has same lineage for David
 - Jesus lineage thru Mary
 - Luke 3:31 ESV the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, ³² the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Sala, the son of Nahshon
- Rahab and Ruth were not Jewish! King David had Gentile bloodlines

Who were Rahab and Ruth?

- **Rahab** – a Canaanite woman known as the prostitute of Jericho.
 - By Faith: Rahab hid the spies Joshua sent to test Jericho's military strength, and in return, the Israelites spared her life.
 - Rahab married Salmon, from the tribe of Judah, who gave birth to Boaz
- **Ruth** – A Moabite woman who married a Jewish man who died at a young age.
 - Moabites could not enter congregation until 10th generation, because of attempts to curse Israel in Exodus Deu 23:3-4
 - Naomi, Ruth's mother-in-law; a Jewish woman from Bethlehem
 - Ruth clung to Naomi to care for her, after her husband, Naomi's son, died
 - Boaz redeemed Ruth as the kinsmen redeemer – this is why she is allowed to enter the congregation
- A foreshadow of what Jesus does for us at the cross – We are redeemed

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Luke 2:29-32 - Simeon blessing Jesus

²⁹ “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation
³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³² a light for **revelation to the Gentiles**,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

Matthew 4:

¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, **Galilee of the Gentiles (Isa 9:1-2)**

- To fulfill Isaiah — Jesus begins his ministry, where the Jewish people were a minority—the Gentiles (or the nations) predominated

New Testament Gospels state Jesus came for gentiles

- Talk about the man with the legion of demons – Gadarene: not part of Israel; very likely possessed man was not Jewish Matt 8, Mark 5
 - How he left him and wouldn't let him come with Jesus, but instead told him to tell those that lived there what God had done for him
- Story of the 5000 (west side of sea of Galilee, cross over to Gennesaret on east side) have 5 loaves and two fish, pick up 12 basketfuls – representing the tribes of Israel Matt 14/Mark 6
- Story of the 4000 (happens near Decapolis on east side, cross over to Magadan, on east side)
 - Jesus told the disciples – you feed them, have 7 loaves and a few small fish - afterwards they picked up 7 basketfuls, Matt 15/Mark 8
- Disciples are all Jewish – they were told to go to the nations
 - Matt 28 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Jesus is also a Jew



Jesus Fulfills Old Testament

Book of Hebrews

- Jesus is the Son of God [Heb 1] – He is higher than the angels Ps 2,Ps110
- Jesus is the Son of Man, fully human [Heb 2] – He was made a little lower than the angels for a short period of time to bring defeat death and empathize with children of God
- Jesus is greater than Moses [Heb 3] – Moses faithful in God's house, Jesus as Son is faithful over God's house.
 - Do not harden your hearts as they did in wilderness
 - Moses met Him on the mountain when Jesus was transfigured [Matt 17]
- Jesus is the great high priest [Heb 4-8]- in the order of Melchizedek
 - Hebrews 7: 11 Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron?
 - Brings the new covenant – God in our hearts and minds (Holy Spirit)
- Blood of Jesus Christ is better than all sacrifice [Heb 9-10]

- Why - Jesus is God → I am in the Father, and the Father is in me John 14:9-10
Father – Son – Spirit

Jesus Fulfills Old Testament

Book of Romans

- Romans – the law was given through the Jews; they have advantage even though they missed it.
 - Jesus fulfilled the law
 - His heritage through Mary is Jewish
 - Rom 5:12 sin entered the world thru Adam and left thru Jesus - Luke 3
 - He came for the Jews first then for the gentiles
 - Romans 11: ⁷ What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened
 - ¹¹ So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous.
 - ²⁵ a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And in this way all Israel will be saved
- He has unfinished promises – bring salvation and resurrection of Israelites

Jesus often talked using Hebrew Idioms and Analogies

- "Camel through the eye of a needle" (Matthew 19:24) likely refers to a thick rope (not a literal camel) being threaded through a needle, highlighting the difficulty of a rich person entering the kingdom of God.
- The Salt of the Earth (Matthew 5:13): Jesus calls his followers "the salt of the earth". Salt was a valuable commodity in ancient times, used for flavoring, preserving, and even healing. Jesus's followers are meant to have a positive impact on the world, bringing flavor, preservation, and even healing to their communities.
- Jesus speaks about the eye being the lamp of the body and warns against having a "bad eye" (Matthew 6:22-23)
 - In Jewish culture, a "good eye" (ayin tovah) signifies generosity, while a "bad eye" (ayin ra'ah) represents greed, selfishness, and a lack of concern for the needs of others.
- Jesus was a Jew through and through – genetically, culturally

Israelites are awaiting the Messiah! Christians are waiting for his return!

Steve does transition introduction on Jews



The Resurrection - the stumbling block of the Jews

The J-man is alive (they can't even bring themselves to say his name)

- Jews can't see Jesus resurrection – He is not dead
 - They fail to enter His rest because of unbelief
- 1 Cor 15
 - If Jesus has not been raised... we are of all people to to be pitied
 - But Jesus has indeed been raised, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep
 - Death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes through a man – all come through Jesus
 - Christ first, then those who belong to Him, then He reigns until all His enemies are put under His feet, then He will hand over the Kingdom to His father
- Jesus is subject to the Father, so that the Father may be all in all

Messiah is not only a warrior, but also a suffering servant

- **Isa 52:13-Isa 53 - The messiah poured out his life to bring salvation to the nations**
 - 13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.
 - 14 As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—
 - 15 so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.
- **Ps 22 - The Messiah is crucified first**
 - 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
 - 16 For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet
 - This was not David, it was the Messiah being crucified
- Jesus is the Messiah who poured out his life on the cross to save many
 - After He comes as a warrior

What are Jews being taught today on the Messiah?

Messiah = Moshiach

Jewish people faithfully await and anticipate his coming

- believe in Moshiach in a real way
 - They have to anticipate Moshiach coming soon — not some far future
 - Believe in person of Moshiach
 - Messiah is a king that towers above all previous kings is from the line of David through Solomon - anointed king that restores Davidic house of royalty
 - Several acknowledge that they were looking for a messiah 2000 years ago
 - Why - Won't specifically say but the Prophets point to the messiah
 - Especially Daniel 9
 - Reject Jesus, the true messiah — and yet again are expectantly awaiting another messiah
- Ramifications: this can only be a false messiah

Detail on Messiah

See two messiahs – so close yet they cannot see real messiah

- First messiah - David brought Jewish people into state of perfection on national level
 - Makes no sense, prophecies are not in the past (prophets)
 - David also makes many of the prophecies of the Messiah
- Next messiah will restore state of perfection on a worldwide level
 - Nasi - King and vice king: one role king, one role torah teachers
 - A Caesar and a half Caesar (Beast and False prophet)
 - A Prime Minister or Head of State vs a King
 - **Does this have meaning for Christians to the Antichrist?**

- They miss the duality of scripture with two advents for one messiah
 - Jesus Christ

Detail on Messiah

Anointing

- Messiah means anointed one: who anoints him
 - First time messiah used – Leviticus chapter 4 verse 3: talks of a soul that sins, Moshiaich Kohen (anointed priest) sins, a special offering needed—Leviticus only place in torah Moshiaich mentioned
 - Leviticus 4:3 NIV Kohen real Moshiaich but king also gets anointed
 - If Moshiaich kohen sin and he could be saved, we all can
 - Special oil prepared by Moses saved with ark sitting in hidden catacomb
 - Alternately, If you inherit position, you do not need anointing.
 - Since Moshiaich from line of David - no need for anointing
 - Only fool would say he is Moshiaich and is not
 - Covering their bases
- Miss that Holy Spirit anointed real Messiah – fully human/fully God

Detail on Messiah

Characteristics

- Spiritual leader - Moshiach will have deepest meaning of torah revealed; eclipsing all others
 - He will compel all of Israel to walk in the way of the Torah and rectify the breaches in its observance.
- World leader - Once he gathers all people, he becomes Moshiach
 - Spends long time saying Moshiach does not have to do miracles; can't be Moshiach if he dies
 - Specially targeting Jesus with this argument – They fail to see resurrection
- Warrior - Moshiach will come forth to bring world peace
 - Fight the wars of G-d – He will then improve the entire world, motivating all the nations to serve G-d together.
- They are going to get a warrior king – the false messiah
 - Why he goes off to fight those who hold to the testimony of Jesus Christ and the Muslim that reject him

What are Jews being taught today on the temple?

Jewish people believe the temple will bring in a messianic era

- From the classic sources, it seems that when it comes time for all the Jewish people to return to their land, the Temple will need to be built first.
 - God decides that the underlying causes have been resolved and it's time to bring the Jewish people back
 - Similar to Daniel's prayer
 - Changes will occur that will allow peacefully start of construction {Messiah}
- Once the Temple is up and running, all of humanity will be uplifted and attracted to it, and Jews will appear out of the woodwork to return. That in turn will serve as the catalyst for world peace.

- Build it and peace will come

What Jewish rabbis think about temple?

Background

- Place that Abraham was told to offer Isaac/God provides ram
- First Temple, constructed by divine command and design
 - Temple mount 860 ft (262 m) square – much smaller
 - Temple is 100 cubits by 60 cubits
- Second Temple was commanded by Cyrus and divinely spurred on through prophets. Built under duress by returned exiles from Babylonia
 - Zerubbabel
 - Temple mount initially 485.5 ft by 145.5 ft (bigger, dimensions are walls)
 - Alter built first, temple directly over previous, roughly the same size
 - Temple mount expanded twice – Hasmoneans, Herod the Great
 - Currently
 - N 1035ft (315m), S 912 ft (278 m),
 - E 1536 ft (468 m), W 1590 ft (485 m)
- Herod rebuilt 2nd temple and made it much grander

- Tisha B'Av – 9th of the month of Av – both 1st and 2nd temples destroyed

What Jewish rabbis think about temple?

templeinstitute.org

- The Third Temple will a result of the labor and struggle we have done with the world for all these hard years of exile, purifying it with our [mitzvahs](#) (laws) and the journeys of our souls.
 - 1/3 of God's laws were related to temple service – therefore cannot fulfill God's law without a temple
 - Actively preparing to build temple in expectation it is part of God's plan
 - Rebuilding the temple will bring new era of universal harmony
 - Believe Isa 11 will be fulfilled by the coming of the Messiah
 - **Essentially forcing the messiah to come and force God's hands**
 - **Trying to change the set times**
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- Miss why God destroyed the 2nd Temple – missed the time of their visitation Luke 19:41-44
 - Isa 11 was fulfilled by Jesus – thus they get the connection to messiah, but not who is messiah

What Jewish rabbis think about temple?

thirdtemple.org – dedicated to rebuilding the temple

- 8 Jewish organizations associated with this goal
 - Actively designing and preparing for construction of the 3rd Temple
 - 150m x 150m facility
 - Fully believe it will be Ezekiel's temple
 - Actively pursuing donations
 - Departments for
 - Architecture
 - Construction
 - Politics
 - Legal
 - Education
 - Media
 - Must have genuine peace between Israel and its neighbors. It will only take place once a peace agreement between Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and likely the Americans will be attained.
 - Scenarios
 - Earthquake
 - Move Al-Aqsa to alternate location in Saudi Arabia
 - quoting Quran as justification
 - Hamas or Iranians destroy it by accident
- Holy of Holies under Dome of the Rock - not Al Aqsa (wailing wall)
 - Planning to build it in 7 years (taken down from the current website)

What Jewish rabbis think about temple?

Ezekiel's Temple (40-47) – Millennial Temple

- Temple about the same size and fits on original temple mount
- Temple mount roughly 1 mile x 1 mile – roughly 17 times larger
 - This would be a monumental engineering feat and would require massive changes to Jerusalem which would not be tolerated
- How/Why? - Zech 14 – The Day of the Lord (Yahweh) – Jesus Christ the Lord
 - 4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.
 - 10 The whole land, from Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem, will become like the Arabah. But Jerusalem will be raised up high
 - A massive earthquake, caused by the Lord's return
- The Millennial Temple = the Ezekiel Temple = 4th Temple
 - The Jews simply cannot have the temple they want

Comparison of Jewish and Christian beliefs

The antichrist will deceive Israel

Jewish Beliefs	Christian Beliefs
Waiting for Messiah	Waiting for Messiah's return
Messiah will initiate the 3 rd temple	Antichrist initiates 3 rd temple through covenant
After 3 rd temple: messianic era	Antichrist desolates temple/destroyed by God's judgement
After 3 rd temple: Ingathering of Jewish people	Jews told to flee Jerusalem, and later be gathered
After 3 rd temple: Israel gains its full size as promised	Wrath of God
After 3 rd temple: All nations seek God	Marriage of the Lamb and Temple of God set up on earth for 1000 years
Messiah	Messiah
From line of David and great torah teachers	Jesus from the line of David, the great torah teacher
Once he gathers people, he is messiah	Jesus will gather people at end of tribulation
Discuss 1000 year epoch/messianic kingdom	Revelation 20 tells of a 1000 year reign of Jesus
Waiting for Messiah 1 st coming	Waiting for Messiah's 2 nd coming

- We watch and wait for the same thing; but, since Jews rejected Christ first coming, they will be deceived by Satan



So who can best view the bible

Our conclusion

- Need Jewish perspective and gentile perspective to understand the Bible
 - Messianic Jews have provided Jewish context to a largely gentile church
- It is not just about the New Testament; without the Old Testament we miss the full meaning of gospel
- Old Testament is foundational to understanding the New Testament
- The Jewish people of today are so close to the truth; but, a stumbling block has been put in their path to the age of the gentiles (church age) is complete
- Hope
 - If you are Christian and are a Gentile (not a Jew) – then we need to be praying for our Jewish brothers that God would open their eyes and graft them back because the age of the Gentiles is nearing its conclusion
 - This is happening – there is a Great Awakening of the Jews = Messianic Jews
 - If you are Jewish - The return began at the same time
 - God's promises to the Jewish nation are about to be fulfilled
 - there is hope in the one true messiah = Jesus Christ
 - A remnant will be grafted back in
 - Dan 9 break the power of the holy people
 - Dan 12 Michael will be sent to protect Jews at the end of the great tribulation
 - Dan 2 Then God's Kingdom will endure forever
 - Islamic
 - There is a great awakening in the Islamic world

Question of the Day

Think about when we start Revelations

- Why was the book of Revelations written?

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