

Kingdom Report

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My Response to Joy Magazine Re: My False Theology

I placed full page ads in August editions of Joy and Juig magazine for free download of my book "Southern Africa's Prophetic Destiny". In their September edition of Joy they responded with an article that basically says the entire premises of my book are theologically wrong and unsound. This is my response....

Imagine you are selling your wonderful new cure with an expensive ad campaign in a magazine and the magazine is happy to take your money but then print an article to say actually your cure is unsafe and not to be trusted. Then you can imagine how I feel this week after buying the September edition of Joy with an article that my "Replacement Theology" is entirely unscriptural and to be avoided.

I need to answer this charge because of its implications for the vision for the Kingdom of God and South Africa. They are right about the theology that underlines my vision for South Africa. The Dispensational theology they proclaim says everything I am writing in my book is scripturally wrong. This is not some idle obscure theological debate as in "how many angels on the head of a pin" or "election or free will". The people of God in not only Southern Africa but all over the world want to know "what is the Lord saying? What is the future? Is there a future for my children and grandchildren?".

The optimism over the future in my book is based on a theology that affirms from scripture that the Kingdom of God came on earth in 33 AD with the launch of the Spirit filled church of Jesus Christ on the Day of Pentecost. This church/Kingdom of God as Daniel prophesied will grow and grow in the midst of trials and persecutions to fill the earth with the glory of God; that nations (sheep nations) will be disciplined into the Kingdom of God, that Jesus will build this Church, that this Church will prevail against Satan and his demons and that the gates of hell will not prevail against it; that because of the above, the world systems built on sand are now falling apart under God's judgment to make way for the manifestation of His Kingdom and Lordship over all the activities of mankind; that Southern Africa's future with its majority Christian charismatic evangelical population is the prime place to lift up the battle ensign of the Lord and say these lands are God's lands, these people are God's people, these will be dedicated as Holy unto the Lord where the will of God will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

The old wine and old wine skins of Dispensational theology cannot contain this vision. Dispensationalism says this is not the Kingdom Age, this is the Church age and it is only temporary. The Church cannot bring in the Kingdom of God only the Jews can and that is only going to happen in the future. What must first happen is that the Church must retreat out of the world so that Satan can grow his kingdom to fill the earth. The Church needs to be protected from the attacks of Satan through the Rapture to take us out of here. The church has neither the power or the authority to defeat Satan or the gates of hell, only a select company of Jews will be able to do that

in 3.5 years without the Holy Spirit (also taken off the earth with the rapture) what the Church could not do in 2000 years with the Holy Spirit. Therefore "replacement theology" teaching that the Church will do what the Jews are supposed to do is in actual fact deception. So no there is nothing we can do for South Africa but "pray" and wait for the rapture. There is no hope of either evangelizing the nation or discipling it into the Kingdom of God...it is not the time and we are not the people. This is the time for Satan to rule the world and for us to get out of the world.

With that as quick background let me quote for you the article and in between I will make brief comments and you can decide where the truth lies....

Replacement Theology...What is it? (Title of the article)

Replacement theology (also known as supersessionism) essentially teaches that the church has replaced Israel in God's plan. Adherents of replacement theology believe the Jews are no longer God's chosen people and God does not have specific future plans for the nation of Israel. Among the different views of the relationship between the church and Israel are the church has replaced Israel (replacement theology), the church is an expansion of Israel (covenant theology) or the church is completely different and distinct from Israel (dispensational/premillennialism).

The correct scriptural teaching on this issue was neatly summed up by Peter writing to the gentile church in 1 Peter 2:9-10 ***"But you are chosen generation a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that you should show forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Which in times past were not a people but are now the people of God, which had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy."***

I cannot put it better than Ligonier ministries so I will quote them....

"In our day there exists much confusion regarding the identity of the true people of God. Some conceive of the church as a mere parenthesis in the plan of God — an afterthought brought about by ethnic Israel's rejection of Christ. For these people, the authentic people of God are the physical descendants of Abraham. Others say that the church has replaced Israel in the plan of God. Older proponents of this view have tended to say that with the church, God has exchanged the Gentiles for the Jews.

While both groups of people would affirm the necessity of Christ for salvation, neither is the biblical view. Either way, the fundamental unity of the people of God across the ages is denied. Whether it is said that the church is an afterthought or that the church replaces Israel, both views implicitly affirm that there are two different ways of salvation, one for the Jews and one for the Gentiles. However, the Bible teaches that there is but one people of God and only one way of salvation. In [1 Peter 2:9](#), Peter calls his mostly Gentile audience "a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a people for his own possession." These are all terms used for the nation of Israel in the Old Testament ([Ex. 19:5–6](#); [Isa. 43:20–21](#)), and Peter applies them to the church because the church is the true Israel of God.

The biblical view (which is sometimes mistakenly called "replacement theology") does not say that the church "replaces" Israel. Rather, it affirms that true Israel always

was, always is, and always will be comprised of those who trust in Christ alone for salvation. This is plain from [1 Peter 2:10](#). The Gentiles, who were formerly not God's people, are now God's people because they have trusted in the Messiah and because they worship Israel's true King.

I now continue to quote the article....

Major problems exist with this view... Replacement theology teaches that the church is the replacement for Israel and that the many promises made to Israel in the Bible are fulfilled in the church and not in Israel. The prophecies in Scripture concerning the blessing and the restoration of Israel to the Promised Land are spiritualized or allegorised into promises of God's blessing for the church.

The Old Covenant promises to national Israel have been succeeded by greater promises made to the New Covenant Church/Israel. Just to give you one illustration. The Old Covenant promise of the Promised Land to Abraham's heirs from which you hear so much about from Christian Zionists is from "the river of Egypt to the Euphrates". Dispensationalists demand that this is the Promised Land! But what about Romans 4:13 "For the promise that he (Abraham) should be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith"

Did you catch that? The promised land inheritance if the whole world not piece of real estate in the Middle East. And to inherit the whole world Paul goes on to say therefore "as it is written I have made thee the father of many nations" (Rom. 4:17) So the seed of Abraham, the true Israel of God, who have faith in Christ will inherit the whole earth through the creation of many nations (Jesus called them "sheep nations) who are the people of God and where Jesus is Lord. So the question then to the Dispensationalists would be "To whom does the promise to Abraham that his seed would inherit the whole earth apply? Do the Jews inherit the whole earth or does the Church the Israel of God's multitude of nations inherit the earth?"

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Major problems exist with this view such as the continuing existence of the Jewish people throughout the centuries and especially with the revival of the modern state of Israel. If Israel has been condemned by God and there is no future for the Jewish nation how do we explain the supernatural survival of the Jewish people over the past 2000 years despite the many attempts to destroy them? How do we explain why and how Israel reappeared as a nation in the 20th century after not existing for 1900 years?

Easy answer to that. There are plenty of nations and peoples still around after 2000 years. Ask the Greeks, Romans, Egyptians, Persians (Iran), the Japanese imperial throne, the Han Chinese etc.

The real supernatural issue that should amaze you is how is that 120 people 2000 years ago in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost has grown to over 700 million evangelical charismatics through 2000 years of struggle, martyrdom, persecution,

infiltration, distress, poverty, social exclusion....and still that same Spirit is being poured out upon all flesh and that gospel is more powerful today than ever. You Dispensationalists need to get your eyes and obsession off the Jews and Israel and get your focus back on the Church and what God is doing through the church all over the earth.

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*The church is completely separate
The view that Israel and the church are different is clearly taught in the New Testament. Biblically speaking the church is distinct from Israel and the terms "church" and "Israel" are never to be confused or used interchangeably. We are taught from scripture that the church is an entirely new creation that came into being on the day of Pentecost and will continue until it is taken to heaven (Eph. 1:9-11; 1 Thes. 4:13-17) The church has no relationship to the curses and blessings for Israel. The covenants, promises and warnings of the Mosaic covenant were only valid for Israel. Israel has been temporarily set aside in God's program during the past 2000 years of dispersion (see Rom. 11)*

The "church" is distinct from "Israel" and should never be used interchangeably...really? Then why does Acts 7:38 refer to Moses being "in the church in the wilderness". So scripture can call the Israelites in the wilderness as the "church" but we cannot? And the promises and covenants of the Mosaic covenant were only valid for Israel and not for the church? Really? Try telling that to all the prosperity preachers who are adamant that the Mosaic law of tithing is applicable to the church or how many sermons have been preached from Deuteronomy 28 about the promises of "you shall be the head and not the tail" etc. Need I elaborate more?

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*What is dispensationalism?
Contrary to replacement theology dispensationalism teaches that after the rapture (1 Thess. 4:13-18), God will restore Israel as the primary focus of his plan. The first event at this time is the tribulation (Rev. 6-19). The world will be judged for rejecting Christ while Israel is prepared through the trials of the great tribulation for the second coming of the Messiah. Then when Christ does return to earth at the end of the tribulation Israel will be ready to receive Him. The remnant of Israel who survive the tribulation will be saved and the Lord will establish His kingdom on this earth with Jerusalem as its capital. With Christ reigning as King Israel will be the leading nation and representatives from all the nations will come to Jerusalem to honor and worship the king - Jesus Christ. The church will return with Christ and will reign with Him for a literal thousand years. (Rev. 20:1-5)*

There is much I can say here which if you want a proper scriptural refutation of all the above statements I refer you to my book "The Radical Gospel of the Kingdom". However let me say this. The entire idea of a 7 year great tribulation is nowhere found in scripture. It is based on the idea that the 70 Weeks of Daniel's prophecy has one week still to be fulfilled. I refer you to my exact historical and scriptural analysis that the entire 490 year prophecy was entirely fulfilled from 458 BC to 33 AD; that

the "end times" that New Testament writers refer to was from 33 AD to 70 AD when also the "great tribulation" of Matthew 24 took place; that the Kingdom of God came at Pentecost; that the miraculous return of Israel from captivity to a new independent nation, Ezekiel's prophecy of the bones, happened exactly after 390 years from the exodus out of Babylon to 143-141 BC (which Ezekiel prophesied) when at the conclusion of the war of the Maccabees both Syria and Rome acknowledged the new Israel state and 40 years later Israel had a king again in 101 BC. And that the invasion of Gog/Magog happened in 37 BC and Armageddon happened in 70 AD. All these statements proven in articles on my website and books, so I will not elaborate.

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*God has not forgotten Israel
Both the Old and New Testament support a premillennial/dispensational understanding of God's plan for Israel. The strongest support for premillennialism is found in the clear teaching of Revelation 20:1-7 where it says six times that Christ's Kingdom will last 1000 years. After the tribulation the Lord will return and establish His Kingdom with the nation of Israel, Christ will reign over the whole earth and Israel will be the leader of the nations. The church will rule and reign with Him for a literal thousand years. The church has not replaced Israel in God's plan. While God may be focusing primarily on the church in this dispensation of grace, God has not forgotten Israel and will one day restore Israel His intended role as the nation He has chosen. (Rom 11)*

And it is here that the very core teaching of Dispensational pre-millennialism falls apart. This will shock you. There is literally no scripture in Rev. 20:1-7 that says Christ rules for one thousand years. If you have access to software program on your computer to look up a Strong's concordance, look up the original Greek word used for "thousand". It is Strong's G5507 "Chilioy". This is a plural meaning "thousands". If you want to write singular "thousand" in Greek it is "Chilias". If you really want to read the literal Greek it would say "Christ reigns for thousands of years". If John really wanted to convey the important message of a literal one thousand year reign he would have written a one in Greek and then "Chilias". One thousand. John did this with other numbers like 12,000 "dodeka chilias" or twelve thousand.

But even more importantly John identifies these thousands of years of reign of Christ commencing with the "first resurrection" and saints reigning with Christ and with Satan bound. When did the resurrection take place? When did saints begin to reign with Christ? When did Christ bind Satan and spoil him of his goods?

We all know when these things happened. These are not things to happen in the far distant future. When Jesus rose from the dead he emptied the grave and took the saints captive in Paradise to heaven with him, so much so that as a witness of this many Old Testament saints risen from the dead were seen in Jerusalem. We know that when He saved us we were risen from the death of our trespasses and sins and made to sit with Christ in heavenly places. We know that Christ does not reign for a thousand years because Isaiah and Daniel and Revelation tell us that He reigns forever, that His Kingdom is forever and that there is not end to the growth of His Kingdom.

We also know that Jesus told the Jews of His day that the kingdom of God was taken away from them and given to another who will bear the fruit of the Kingdom. We also know from scripture made plain in Galatians 4 that earthly Jerusalem has no future in God's plans. Read it again with new eyes. It says that earthly Jerusalem is the bondwoman Hagar and the Jews her son Ishmael. It says Sarah is the heavenly Jerusalem who is our mother and we of the faith of Abraham the true heir Isaac of the promises. And that scripture makes the emphatic statement:

Gal. 4:30 "Nevertheless *what says the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son; for the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the free woman*"

Dispensationalists will not interpret or preach this scriptural truth. It is plain and clear. The "bondwoman" is Jerusalem and "the son" are the Jews. They are to be cast out. They do not have an inheritance with the son of the freewoman. The freewoman is the New Jerusalem, the Bride of Christ. Christ is coming to the New Jerusalem, not the old Jerusalem. And the kings of the earth, the overcomers will bring the riches of the nations into the New Jerusalem (which is the Church the Bride of Christ and the city of God and heal the nations.

The real replacement theology is the attempt by Dispensationalists to replace the New Jerusalem with the old Jerusalem. They hang on to 'dual covenantalism' that somehow your genetics determine your destiny. That your race gives you favour with God and not His grace. The Jews who want to enjoy the inheritance of Abraham will have to do it the way everyone must...by faith in Christ. If they want to be grafted back into the Vine which is Christ then they must not rely on their "but we are the seed of Abraham". Jesus response to that argument was total dismissal, God can raise seed to Abraham from stones, the reality He told them was that your father is the devil, that is harsh language and true of all of us who are lost in the kingdom of darkness ruled by Satan. We all pray for the salvation of the Jews along with Paul.

There is a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit all over the world. Dispensationalism is an old wine skin that is unable to hold the coming glory of God on the earth. It is time for the church to move on. The message of the hour is "the Kingdom of God". The constant message of Dispensationalism is that Kingdom is only coming one day, not now. and the Church is not the vehicle through which it comes, the Jews are. This old theology is dying all over the world. The new leaders of the church know that the greatest revival is still ahead. The new apostolic and prophetic anointing is raising up visionaries who want to win nations for Christ. They all know that Dispensationalism is a denial of everything that the Spirit of God is teaching and leading them into.

It is time for the editorial staff of Joy magazine to recognize that the cloud is moving on, the new generation is tired of wilderness wanderings, they are moving to take cities and nations for the Kingdom of God. And I predict, Southern Africa will be the first to lead the charge! Raise the ensign and blow the trumpet and let loose the armies of God!