

Friday with Fred – November 3, 2017



The Question of the Jew

Yesterday was the centennial celebration of the Balfour Declaration. It was a public statement issued by the British government during World War I announcing support for the establishment of a "national home for the Jewish people" in Palestine, which was then part of the Ottoman empire. It states:

"His Majesty's government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

Let me remind you that; **His Majesty**, the one true Lord of all creation, offered an earlier declaration and promise to the Jews that they would have a land, a seed, and be blessed by God Himself. (Genesis 12, 15, 17) He would give them a language to communicate with, a land to live in, and laws for a people that manifest ethical and moral purity, which are to enable them to worship the one true Lord. (Exodus 20) The Lord had promised them during and throughout history that even though they would rebel, He would never forsake or forget them for His covenant is eternal and based upon His faithfulness not theirs. (2 Samuel 12; Jeremiah 31-33)

Many believe all that was promised to Israel has been fulfilled in the church, based on I Peter 2:4-10 and Luke 22:20 and that there is no future for the nation of Israel. It appears that the apostle Paul has a different theology as he looks at the past, present, and future for the nation of Israel in Romans 9-11.

The Lord promised Israel a kingdom in the land ruled by the King, the Lord Jesus Christ. We see this prophetic event visualized in Revelation 20:1-6 as the Millennial Kingdom fulfills the promise of Ezekiel 40-48, Jeremiah 31-33 and 2 Samuel 12.

All lines of history and prophecy find their point of reference in Jesus, the King of Israel and the head of the body of Christ, the Church. As we wait for His glorious return let's make sure we tell the world - - the King is coming!

What can learn from this?

- First, God is faithful to keep His promises and to discipline His children.
- Second, the Lord sees the big picture and long term plan and has told us about it in His scripture. (We should spend some time getting to know His mind and His ways.)
- Third, no matter how difficult life can be we must remember: God is too kind ever to be cruel and too wise ever to make a mistake.

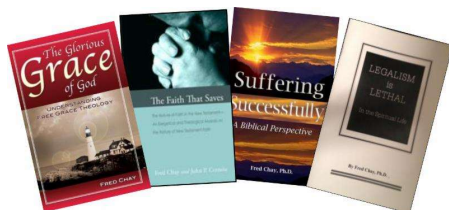
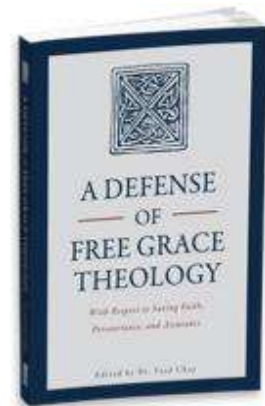
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