

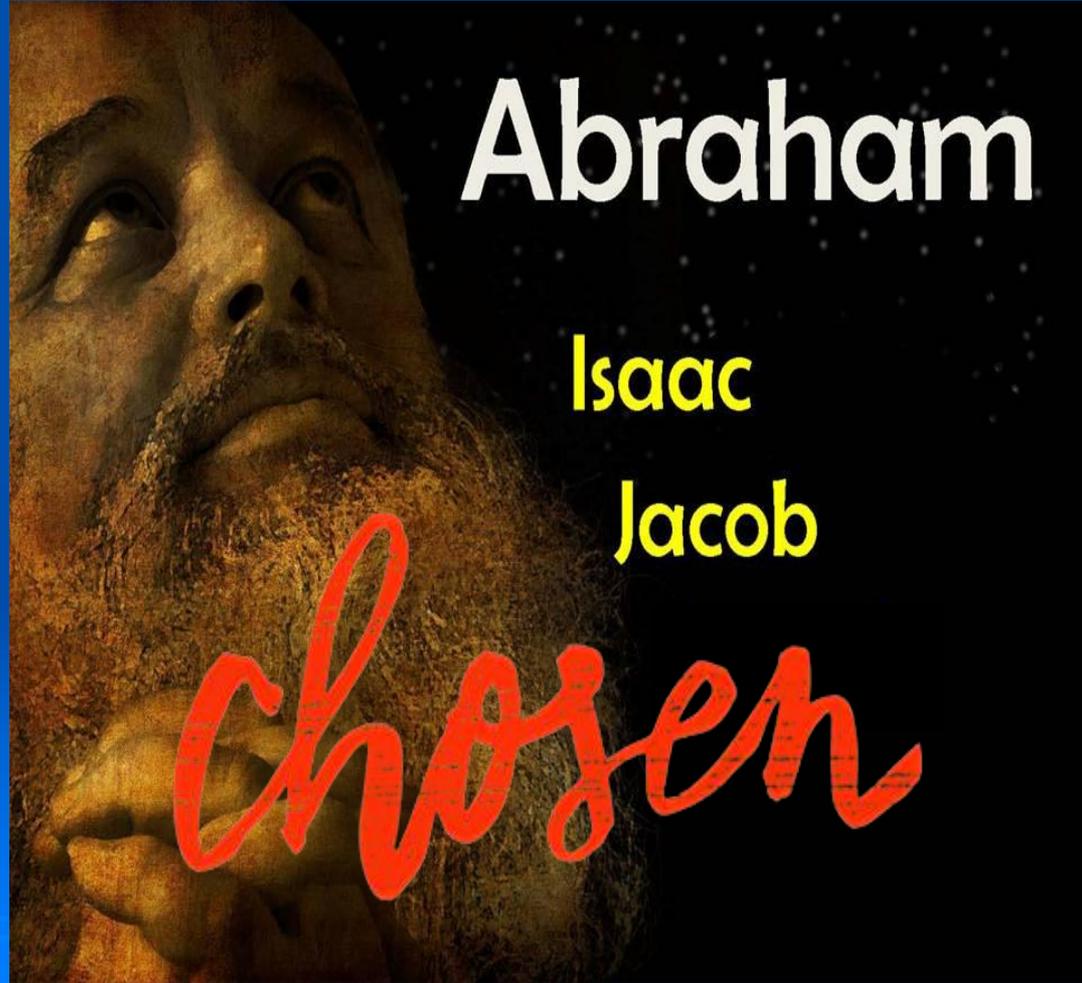
THE BIG QUESTION

- Why did God judge only SOME of Israel, and not all, as being part of His “true” Israel?
- In Romans, Paul has spent much time dealing with the election of Israel as God’s chosen people
- He did not want his readers to think that God had rejected Israel
- Has God replaced His old elect with His new elect?



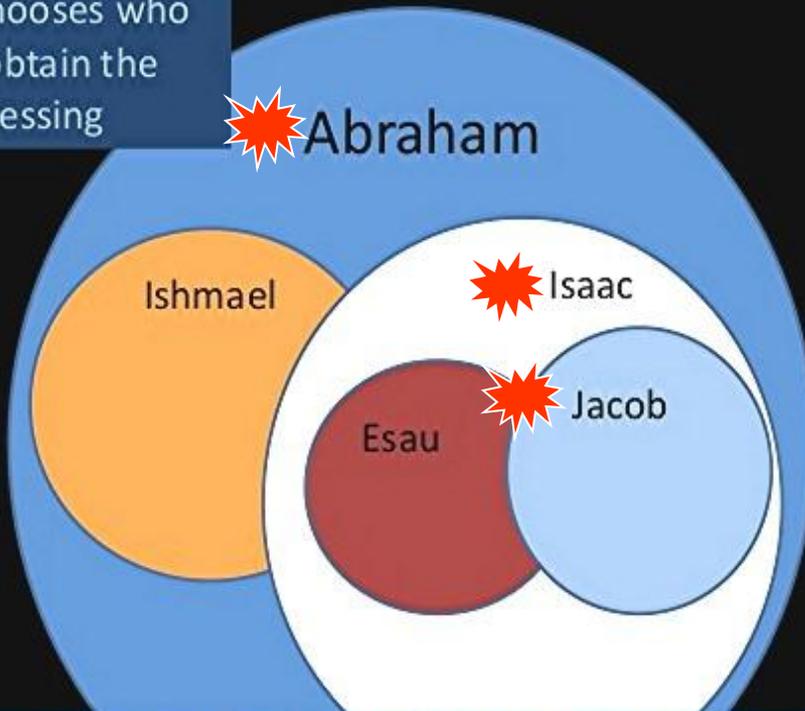
PATTERNS & ILLUSTRATIONS

- Patriarchs' history as an illustration of the "true" Israel vs. ancestral Israel
- Paul is more talking to the Jewish Romans
- Paul uses Jewish history to explain how the Gospel works and through what people redemption came
- How did God choose Isaac over Ishmael, and Jacob over Esau?



AGAINST ALL CUSTOM & TRADITION

God Chooses who
will obtain the
blessing



¹¹ though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— ¹² she was told, “The older will serve the younger.”

- Shocking that an older brother would receive less than a younger brother
- God decided to “love” Jacob, but to “hate” Esau
- NT writer quotes short passage from OT, but intended as representative of the entire passage
- Malachi 1:1 – 5
- Love = accept
- Hate = reject & separate

THE STRAW MAN SPEAKS:



“So.....
It is unjust for
God to do this !”

- None who were rejected did wrong
- None who were accepted had merit
- Paul’s response to the straw man.... HEAVEN FORBID!
- God makes sovereign decisions based on criteria known only to Him
- *“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy”*
- Exodus 33:14 - 20



“I will cause my goodness to pass before you....”

- Moses figures he has found favor in God’s sight
- God says: ***“I show favor to whomever I will, and I display mercy to whomever I will....”***
- Even Moses was elected due to God’s mercy, not from merit
- God says to Pharaoh (an unrighteous man): ***“It is for this very reason that I raised you up.....I might demonstrate My power....so that MY name might be known throughout the world...”***

THE PROBLEM OF THE HARDENED HEART

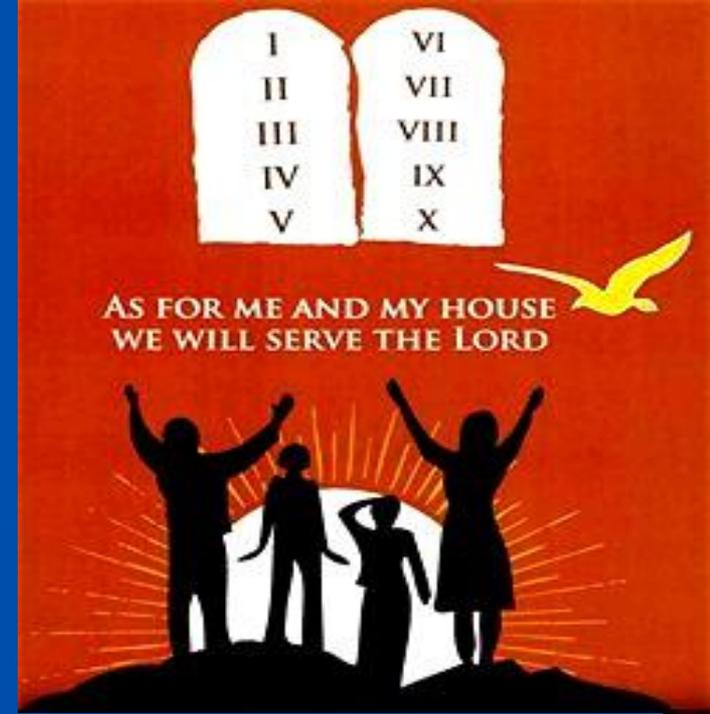
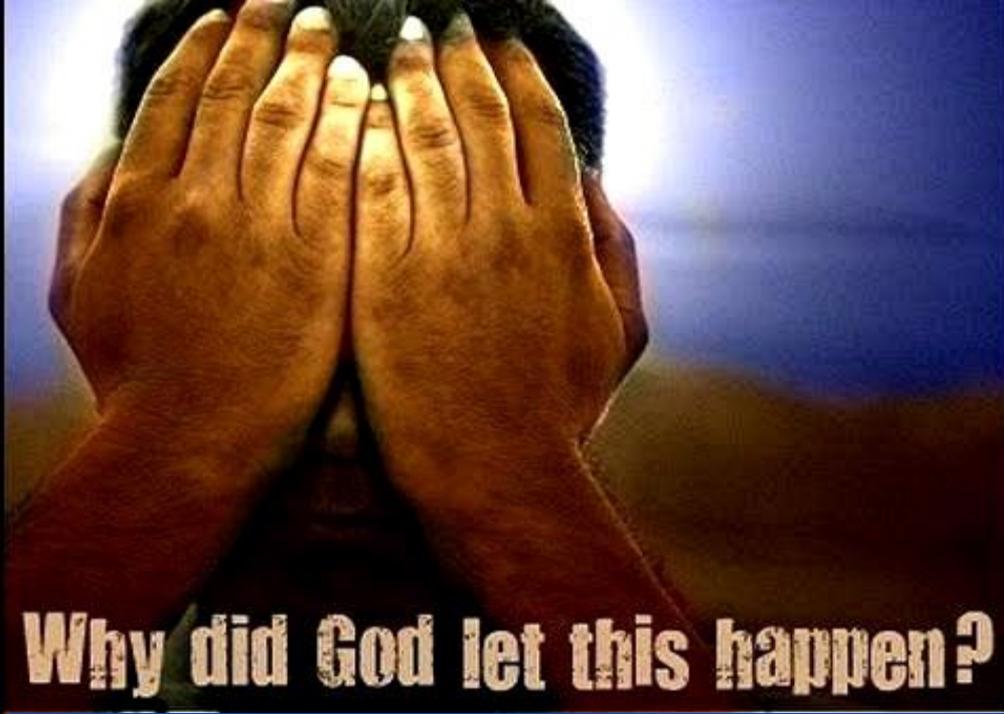
- Exodus 9:10 – 18
- Paul says God will HARDEN whom He will !!
- The straw man asks: *“Then why does God (he) find fault with us ?”*
- If God hardens us, and we have no chance to do right, why are we to blame?
- Paul’s unwelcome answer: *“Who are you, mere human being, to talk back to God ?”*



THE POTTER'S HANDS

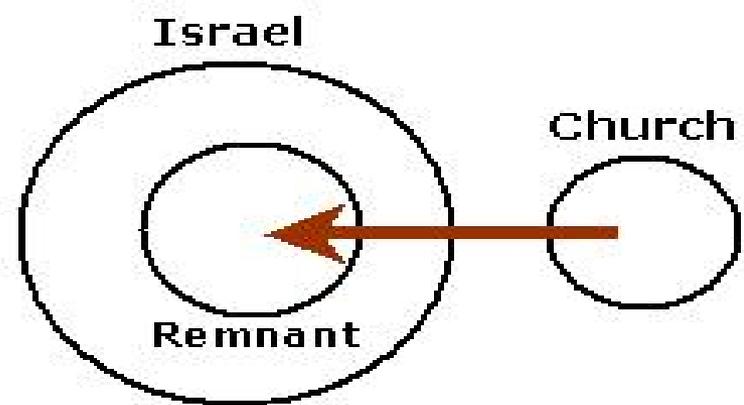
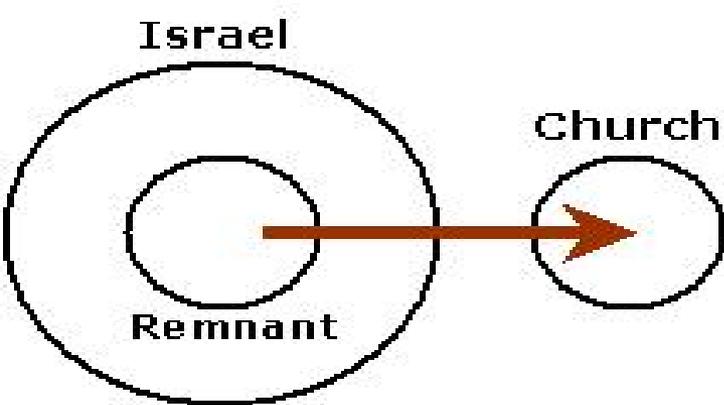
- *"... Will what is formed say to Him who formed it, why did you make me this way?"*
- Isaiah 45:1 – 13
- Koresh = King Cyrus
- This centers around the election of Israel
- *"..It is for the sake of Jacob my servant, yes, for Israel MY elect...."*
- The Lord is sovereign over everyone and everything
- Do NOT ask WHY He uses a king who doesn't know Him, or gives mercy to rebellious Israel





Why did God let this happen?

- The tone of Isaiah 45 is NOT of a patient daddy, but rather of a powerful God who does not allow His choices to be challenged
- Loving God is not warm feelings towards Him, prayer, saying nice things about God....it is OBEDIENCE !!
- “Why?” is Greek thought, not Hebrew
- “Why?” is fundamentally arguing with God



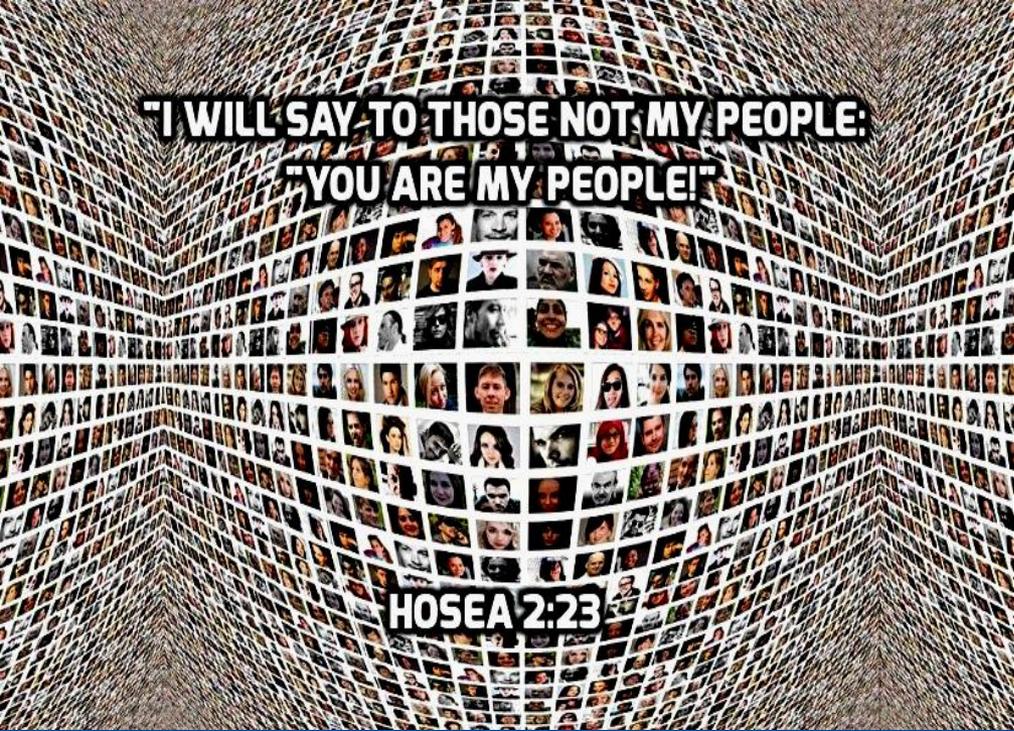
Replacement Theology

- *The covenants and promises given to Israel are transferred to the Gentile Church.*
- *Jews must convert to Gentile Christianity.*

Remnant Theology

- *The Gentile Church partakes of the covenants and promises given to Remnant Israel.*
- *Gentile Christians must identify with Remnant Israel.*

- Every function we're assigned will not be ones we seek, or for our personal benefit
- Paul says it is God's business why He didn't destroy rebellious Israel and instead showed patience & love
- What if the people God wanted to show His Glory were a MIX of Jews and gentiles? It is His choice.



- Hosea 2 is Paul's proof-text
- Paul interprets this passage as having a dual meaning
- It applies to gentiles who choose the God of Israel
- It also applies to rebellious Israel who repents
- God's mercy is available to ALL human beings!

THE PARADOX OF “TRUE” ISRAEL

- Not all of Israel or all gentiles will be elected
- An element of predestination, yet another element of human free will
- Redeemed Israel is descendants of Jacob, but yet another element is Jewish Believers in Yeshua
- Gentiles who trust in Yeshua are also part of “true” Israel, but yet remain gentiles

