

A close-up photograph of vibrant green grass blades, each covered with numerous clear, glistening water droplets. The lighting is bright, highlighting the texture of the grass and the individual droplets.

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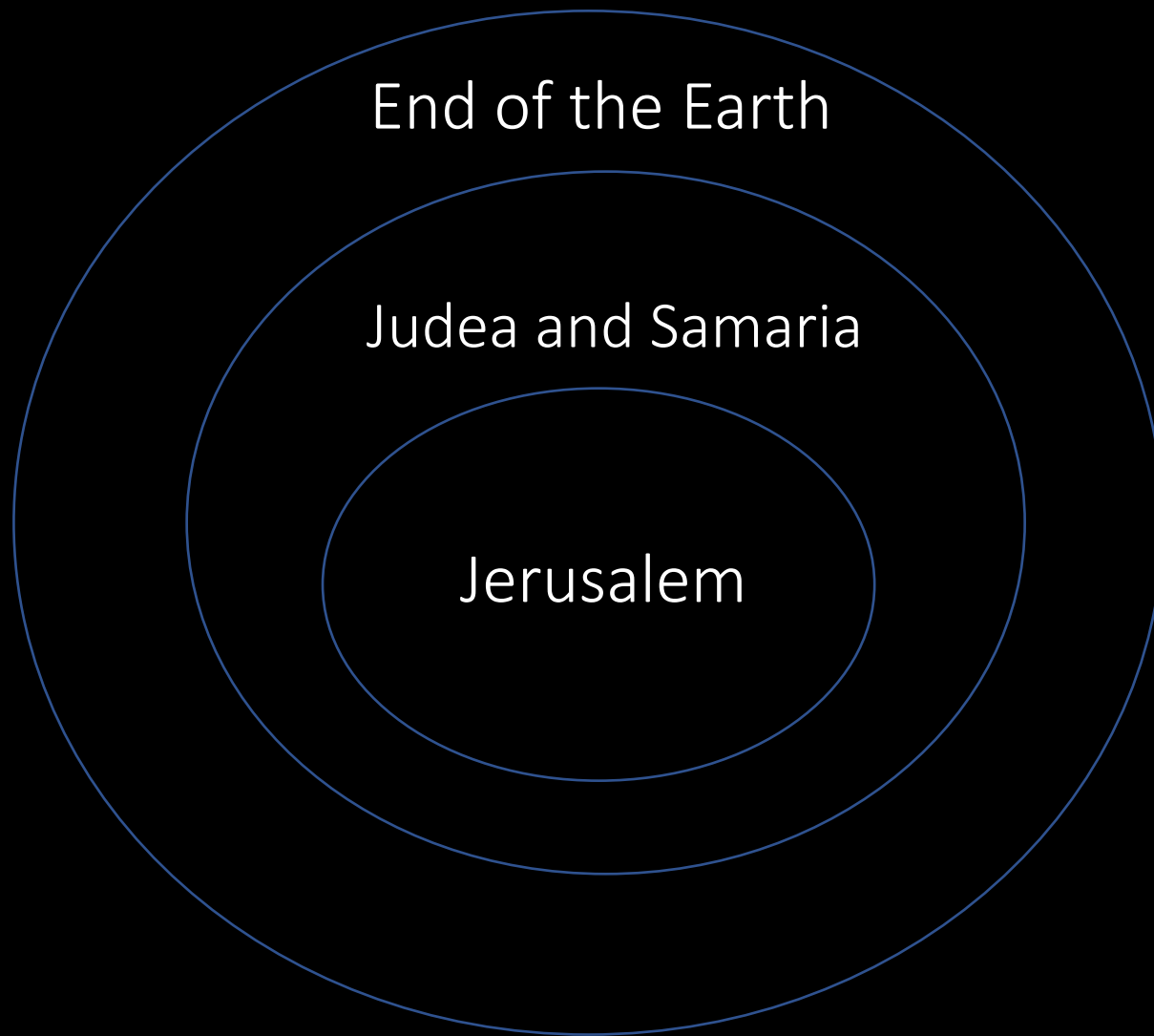
2017 MESSAGE SERIES

38 ESSENTIAL PASSAGES IN UNDERSTANDING GOD'S STORY, THEIR STORY, & YOUR STORY.

Jesus dreams of a **STRONG, HEALTHY,
VIBRANT, DISCIPLEMAKING** CHURCH!

and

He wants **YOU** to be part of it!



“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

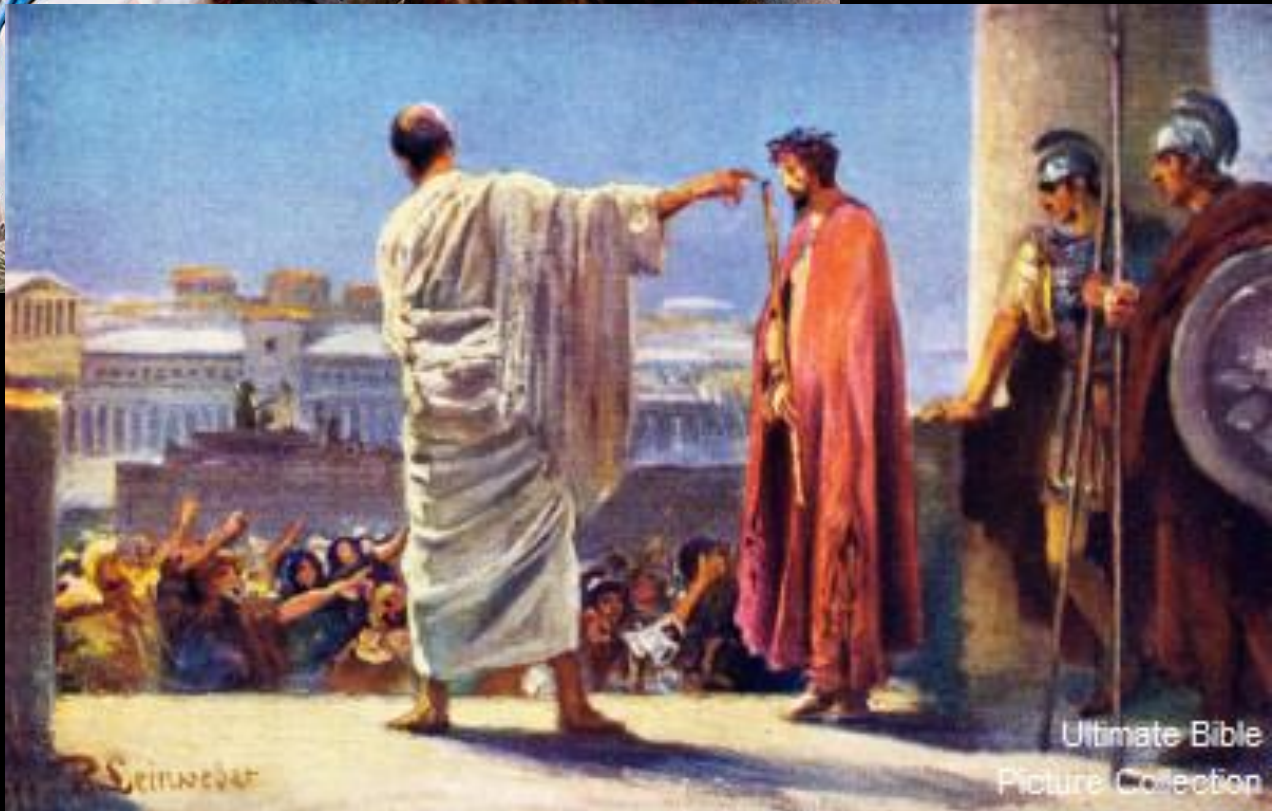


*“Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. **But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men;** you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”*

Acts 5: 38-39

Now that the Church has come,
what about the people of
Israel?







70AD The Roman Siege

“The relatively small number of Jews that have become Christians is a severe challenge to this Roman community. God seems to have abandoned the people He chose and made promises to in the O.T. in favor of new people. If this were so, then God is revealing Himself unfaithful and undependable.”

-Douglas J. Moo

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Two extremes:

Israel

Integration



Anger

or

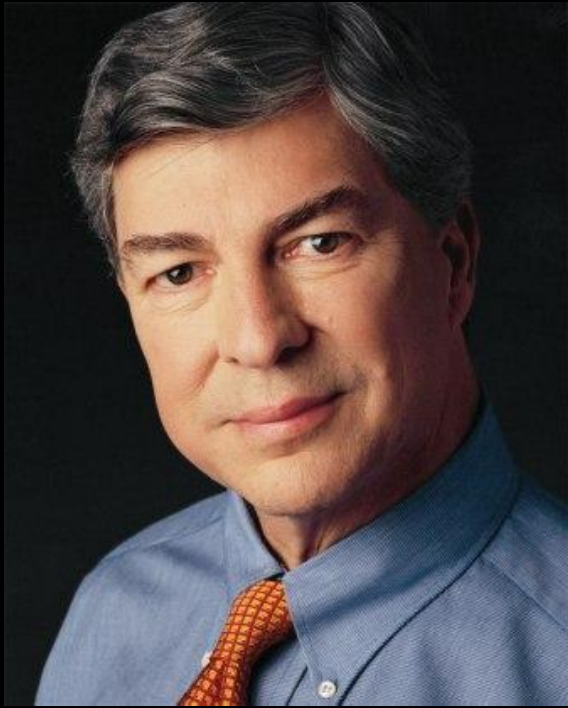
Ignorance

The Christian

The Big Idea:

God is faithful!

*His plans will ultimately prevail,
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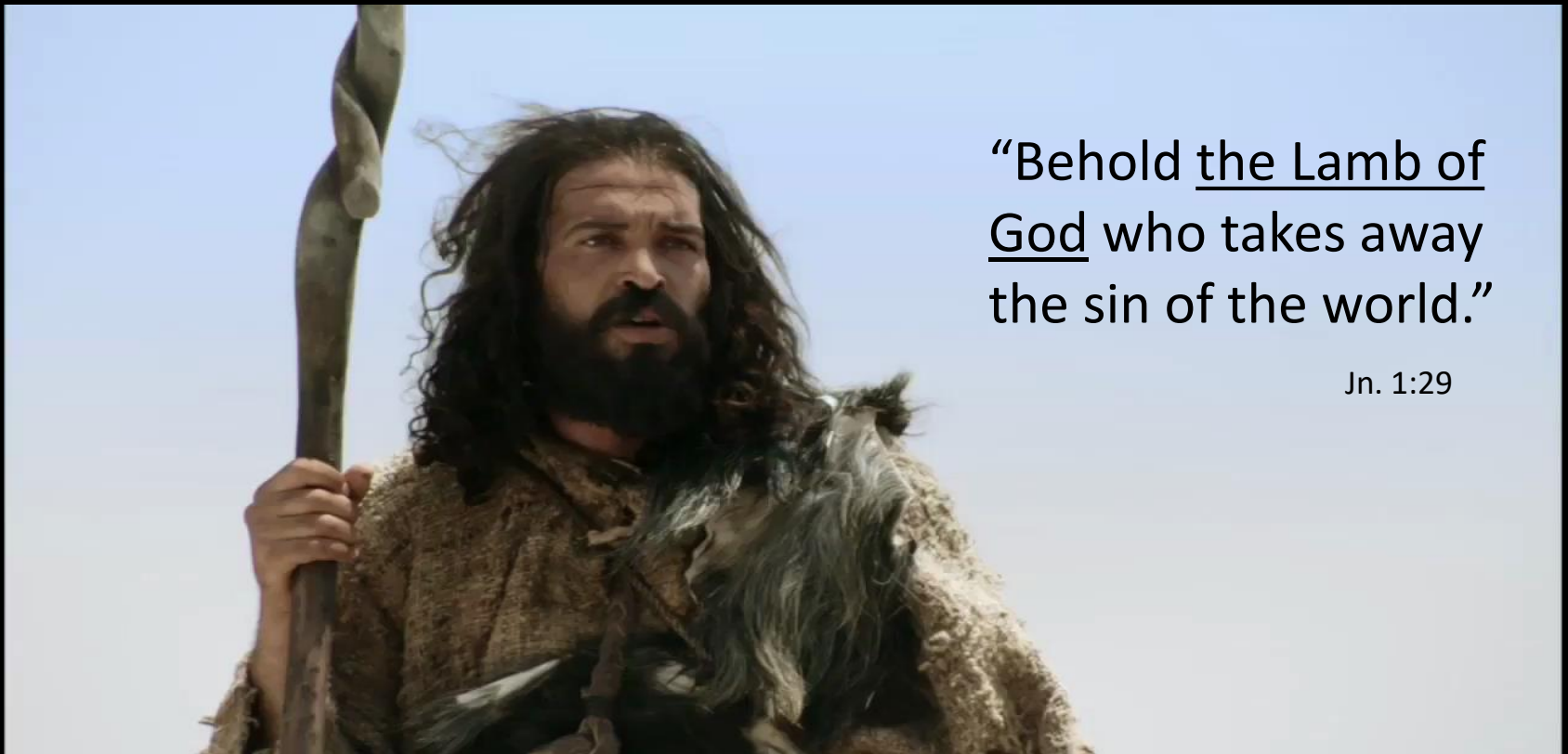
“I found myself in a situation I *couldn't dream* my way out of, *couldn't think* my way out of, *couldn't buy* my way out of, *couldn't work* my way out of. This was a situation I *could only TRUST* my way out of.”

*1st. God chose the nation of Israel to play a significant part in **salvation history**.*

“the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs is the divine glory, **the covenants**, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. They are the patriarchs, and **from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah**, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.”

Romans 9:4-5

"The LORD did not set His heart on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other nations, for you were **the smallest** of all nations!" Deut 7:7



“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

Jn. 1:29

2nd. God is currently keeping a faithful remnant of people in Israel.

Remnant = *Residue*

The promises of God are more powerful than a great number of people!

A CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE BRANCH IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, 1896



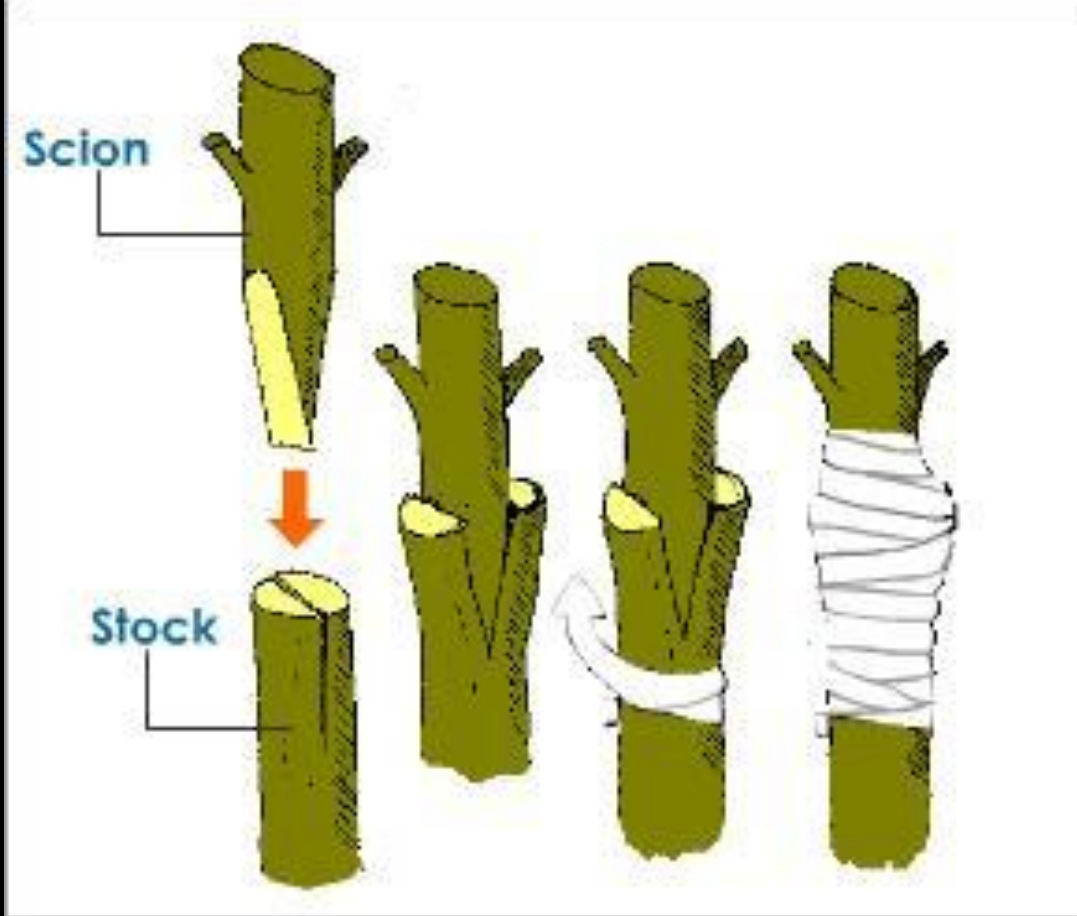
*3rd. God has temporarily set aside the
people of Israel.*

discipline = to turn back

*"do not lose heart when He rebukes you, because
the Lord disciplines the one He loves,"* Heb. 12

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*Gentiles “by faith” have been
“grafted in”... to make Israel envious.*



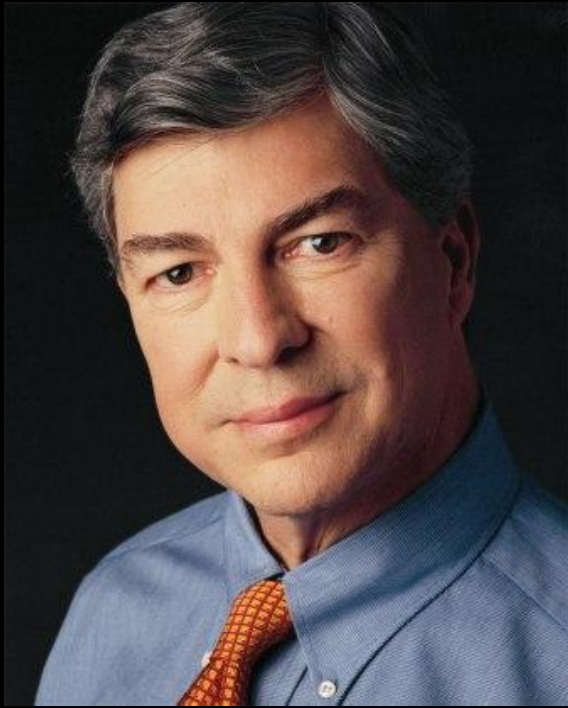
4th. *In Jesus, ultimate salvation is a matter of 'Grace' not 'Race', available to all.*

"This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe." Rom. 3: 22

Questions:

What good and wise thing is God up to in your life that does not seem good and wise?

How are you responding to it?



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Questions:

How is Gods kindness leading you to repentance?

If you think that your repentance leads to Gods kindness, you lose Jesus.

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