



# Israel Unveiled

## The Error of Replacement Theology Part 3

### Israel Unveiled – Episode #4: Part three of The Rise of Replacement Theology

#### I. Introduction

- **Host:** Sandy Wezowicz, Israel Education Director for Aglow International.
- **Purpose:**
  - To expose the growing prevalence of replacement theology in the church.
  - To highlight the consequences of the church's disconnect from its Hebraic roots.
- **Concern:**
  - Many Christians believe Israel is no longer significant in God's plan.
  - Anti-Semitism has morphed into anti-Zionism, denying Israel's right to exist.
- **Recap of Parts One and Two:**
  - Part 1: Jewish roots of Christianity
  - Part 2: "Gentilizing" the church and rise of anti-Semitism

#### II. Historical Development of Anti-Semitism in the Church

- **Early church's dependence on clergy before the printing press**
- **Acknowledgment of early church fathers' contributions**
- **However, many also promoted anti-Jewish sentiments:**
  - **Irenaeus:** Jews disinherited from God's grace
  - **Tertullian:** God rejected Jews in favor of Christians
  - **Justin Martyr:** Church inherits Jewish promises
  - **Origen:** Called Jews "Christ-killers"
  - **Jerome:** Used dehumanizing imagery
  - **John Chrysostom:** Extreme anti-Semitic rhetoric

#### III. Influence on Christian Practice and Beliefs

- **Anti-Jewish themes in Christian liturgy, especially around Holy Week**
  - **Martin Luther:** Initial support, later violent rhetoric against Jews

#### **IV. Theological Offshoots of Replacement Theology**

- **Fulfillment Theology:**

- Jesus fulfilled all Jewish promises; Old Testament seen as obsolete
- Example parallels: Egypt, wilderness, vine imagery

#### **V. Present-Day Concerns and False Teachings**

- **Anti-Israel sentiment among some Arab Christian communities**
  - Promotion of “Palestinian Jesus”
  - **Christ at the Checkpoint** conference as an example
- **Warning about rewritten theology replacing Israel with Palestine**

#### **VI. Final Reflections and Encouragement**

- **Importance of being informed and discerning**
- **God’s covenant with Israel is everlasting (Genesis)**
- **God’s faithfulness to Israel assures His faithfulness to the Church**
- **Call to action: share the podcast, seek truth, and be a blessing**

***Key Takeaway:*** Replacement theology and its modern variations have deeply distorted the Church’s understanding of God’s covenant with Israel, but recognizing and honoring the enduring significance of the Jewish people in God’s redemptive plan is essential for a truthful and biblically grounded faith.