

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## **BACK TO THE BOOK OF ACTS (BBA)**

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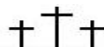
### **PART 12: THE DEATH OF JUDAISM**

As we are digging deeper into the ministry of Jesus, the birth of the Church and the events known as the "Book of Acts," we are now going to investigate the death of Judaism. Once we know what took place when Jesus walked on this earth, it will give us a firm foundation upon which to stand as the current anti-Christ forces are trying to push the Church of Jesus Christ back into Judaism and adopt a two-tier covenant or dual covenant doctrine whereby the Jews have a separate plan of salvation apart from the gentiles. People involved in this are known as "Christian Zionists."

### **THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT**

Let us now establish the following facts:

1. Abraham was not a Jew; he was a Chaldean from the city of Ur, located in Babylon in what is modern day Iraq. **Genesis 11:27-32**
  - a. It is noteworthy to point out that Noah died when Abraham was 51 years old. Therefore, the knowledge of God, Adam and Eve, and what took place before the flood was passed on to Abraham's father Terah through the family of Noah. One of Noah's sons was Shem, and Terah was the eighth generation of Shem. Shem outlived his tenth generation son Abraham and died 26 years after him. There were nine generations of Shem still alive when Abraham was born.
  - b. The term "Jew" did not come into being until approximately 1,200 years later, when the kingdom of Israel was split in two parts, Israel in the north with ten tribes and its capitol of Samaria, and Judah in the south with two tribes, Benjamin and Judah. The capitol of Judah was Jerusalem and the citizens of the southern kingdom became known as Jews. Jews are not a race; they are the offspring of the two sons of Jacob, Judah and Benjamin.
2. The Abrahamic Covenant was a sacrificial and territorial covenant which would bring a blessing to all nations in the world. **Genesis 12:1-4**
  - a. Sacrifices – **Genesis 15:1-18**
  - b. Circumcision – **Genesis 17:1-27**
  - c. The ultimate sacrifice – **Genesis 22:1-18**
3. The Abrahamic covenant was confirmed to Moses, who was born approximately 466 years after Abraham's death. It is important to note that when God gave the law to Moses, He put a condition on the blood



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descendants of Abraham, the covenant was only as good as the behavior of the Israelites. **Leviticus 26:1-46**

- a. **The covenant of Abraham was not an unconditional, if the people broke the covenant, they would be punished and driven out of the land of Canaan.**
  - b. It happened to the Northern kingdom of Israel in 721 B.C. **2 Kings 18:9-12**
  - c. Judah fell in 587 B.C. **2 Kings 25:1-21**
  - d. On the third time, the descendants of Abraham were thrown out of the land was in 70 A.D.; Jerusalem was reduced to rubble and the temple destroyed.
  - e. **Since 70 A.D., the descendants of Abraham have had no temple and the Levitical (priestly) sacrifices were ceased. The Jewish leadership has worked for more than 1,938 years to retake the land of Canaan and rebuild the temple and start up again the Levitical sacrifices.**
4. God spoke through the prophet Jeremiah (between 608-597 B.C.) and told them that the covenant of Abraham would be made void because He would establish a new covenant between God and man. **Jeremiah 31:31-36**
  5. When Jesus died on the cross, He paid for the sins of the human race and satisfied the demand of judgment by God. As a result, the Abrahamic covenant ceased to exist and the second covenant came into being. **Hebrews 8:7-13; 9:11-26**

## **FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH**

- The second covenant is made between God and God! Man has nothing to do with it! **2 Corinthians 5:17-21** [See sermon RLJ-1053 for more information on the atonement God provided. It is part of the series, *How Can I Know God Has Forgiven Me?*]
- The second covenant does not require any sacrifices and is not tied to any territory on the earth. Jesus called it the **Kingdom of God! Matthew 6:33; Galatians 2:11-21**
- The Kingdom of God is not of this earth, but of heaven. **Matthew 8:10-13, 10:7; John 18:36**
- The Kingdom of Israel was tied to the land of Canaan and the blood descendants of Abraham but the Kingdom of God is tied to heaven. **Hebrews 11:8-16**
- The Kingdom of Israel was temporary; the Kingdom of God is eternal! **Revelation 21:1-2**

**DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?**