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Gullibility and Hostility

We are reprinting two articles from November and December of 2000. The first, *Consider the Chad*, was written as a parody of false prophetic teachers and was described as such in the introduction *and* conclusion—strangely, some readers took it as serious Bible exposition even as others have the spurious Bible codes. The second, *The Stealing of a National Election*, produced angry attacks from 15 Baptist preachers that apparently are followers of Reformed Covenant Theology in the disguise of Baptists. Until the more recent articles opposing the Contemporary Christian Seeker Friendly Purpose Driven Willow Bending Movement, no article generated more hostility than did *The Stealing of a National Election*.

Before this political season of 2004 reaches its climax, I submit these articles again. Hopefully, this time none will confuse caricature with biblical truth or the election of Israel with an American political process. If those who hate Israel or who believe God has forgotten the covenant promises to Israel are enraged, perhaps they will be mad enough to search the

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this and that

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Dr. Quentin King Goes Home

I received word that another faithful preacher and reader of this publication, Dr. Quentin King, has gone Home. Bro. King was one on my Sunday School teachers when I was a boy in Indiana. No one offered me more encouragement when I began to preach. He was at that time,

a faithful layman. We do not see many grown men called to preach anymore—at least we see few who surrender to the call. As Stephen and Philip, God called Quentin King and he responded. His ministry was long, faithful, and fruitful. Pray for his wife and family.

—Pastor Manley

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A FINAL WORD

I trust all who read this far will understand that I am intentionally, severely criticizing all “preachers of prophecy” who dabble in date-setting and number channeling or who make their living from selling books and video tapes “revealing mysteries.” There are no *Secret Bible Codes* to be decoded. The word of God was written to the people of God for their understanding, not for their confusion or mystification. This article is not an indictment of politicians; it is directed at preachers instead. Let it be a warning to gullible pew-fillers.

—Pastor Jerald L. Manley

2004 ADDENDUM

IF believers would consume Scripture as they do sensationalized, fictionalized, romanticized, *pseudo-Christian* novels and IF they would search the Scriptures as they do every new charlatan’s promise of quick fix knowledge and the old swindler’s claim of new revelation—in other words, IF believers would close the *soap-opera-but-Christianized*, novelettish sagas of escapism, abandon the popularized, well-merchandized, illusional and delusional, apocalyptic *secularized-denatured-biblical* works of fiction, and quit seeking the fake, fraudulent, and fabricated shrouds, codes, and chads, they would be neither GULLIBLE for ERROR nor HOSTILE to TRUTH. Yet most professing Christians and some believers will continue following fables and seeking old wives’ tales, as if slaves to the flesh, entertainment, and sensationalist fads, and will thereby be led captive by novelty and chicanery.

May God bless His remnant who stand and having done all, just keeping on standing. They are often lonely, but they are always in good company outside the camp (Hebrews 13:13).

Pastor Jerald Manley

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hour.

It is most wonderful that this key was hidden within the English words all of these years since it is only now that the key is understandable, because the key is connected with America in this very time. No previous generation could have possibly understood this key. They lacked the experience to understand the knowledge covered by that word. That knowledge required the time for the chad to appear. Moreover, if this essential key were locked away in the Greek, Hebrew, or any other language it would never be understood. *Oh, that wisdom that layered it in the English, indeed sealing it until the time!*

Now, I need your help today to get this (and hundreds of other truths that I have not the time to share right now) into print while it still has marketability. If we act quickly, the timing is ripe and we can receive a great amount of free advertising as I will title the first book: "chad: LEFT BEHIND."

Please round all figures to even numbers. It will make the bookkeeping so much easier. No single check should be made out in excess of ten thousand dollars to avoid unnecessary scrutiny by bank officials. By the way, my name starts with a "j" and not a "g," this helps with identification questions when cashing in. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so we will not waste ministry money in sending your labor of love, non-deductible, receipt.

Your friend,
who only desires that you might get in on the ground floor of this escalating investment,

Jerry

P.S. Just think of the potential return you old-timers missed because you were not invested in the "88 REASONS" back in 1988.

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Scriptures and set aside Calvin and Hobbs and their friends.

From November 20, 2000

This and That

If I hear one more Christian refer to Thanksgiving as Turkey Day, I may well lose what sanctification I have left this latter part of November of the year 2000. In the years of the first settlers and in the following years of the colonies, Thanksgiving was a time for reflection and gratitude. The concept was so ingrained in the national fabric that it was natural for the day to be incorporated into the official national life, even as taking oaths on the Bible, having all governmental meetings open in prayer, reading the Bible in schools, and setting aside Sunday for a day of rest if not worship. In these latter days (I for one believe we are living in the last of the latter days.) America has become so secularized as to become soulless.

The land is so perverted from the days of her founding that today the phrase 'soul of America' means a form of low-life music.

Thanksgiving should be a special time for believers. It is the closest thing we have that bears a resemblance to the feasts of Israel. Let the nation concentrate on the god of football and the goddess of turkey, but let believers step away from the world and give time to reflection, gratitude, and worship.

Is it not really time for believers to get our eyes trained to love not the world, neither not the things that are in the world and to set our affection on things above, looking unto Jesus for our redemption draweth nigh?

—Pastor Manley

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The Stealing Of A National Election An Act That God Will Not Allow To Stand

Though my mother would have said that the wording of the Law was so plain that it would be an impossibility, it is happening. Though my dad would have labeled such a thing so contrary to common sense and history that the attempt would be laughed out of court as ridiculous, nevertheless it is taking place. Generations never dreamed such a thing could be accomplished on such a scale, especially in America; and this was not because such an endeavor had not been attempted, for history records several vile attempts at such a nefarious deed. The unvarnished fact is that a national election is being taken away from the rightful heir and assigned to another who has no right to possess the election. Sadder than the despicable act itself is the ungodly, open complicity of some so-called Christians and the apathy of many alleged Christians who know this election is being stolen right out in the full view of the entire world. Too many voices, in particular those standing in the Baptist pulpits and sitting in the Baptist pews of America, remain mute before this brazen robbery. This silence is nothing less than giving consent and entering collusion in the execution of this larceny. The consequences of the stealing of this national election will be felt throughout the entire world. Wars, rumors of wars, deaths and destruction, the very judgment of God Almighty will result.

At this very hour even as we are approaching the recognition of the birth of the One called the King of the Jews, on newscasts, on editorial pages, in courts of law, in assemblies of politicians, in the halls of academia, and from the pious mouths of false preachers and dangerous theologians the national election of Israel as the chosen people of God and the rightful heir of the land of Israel, an election bestowed by the

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vowels from "antichrist," we have "nt chr st." This seems, undoubtedly, to be an abbreviation for "new total, Christmas, state." A prophecy that there will be a new vote total by Christmas in the state with the "uben cuben." Unbelievable, that this has been right there all these centuries waiting for this exact hour. This leaves us with "aii"—everyone recognizes this as a Spanish cry of terror. The wisdom of Daniel could not decipher this. In fairness, he was told that the key would not be known until the end times. Well, we are there.

Stay with me, because this gets very deep as it becomes even better. When we take the vowels from anti-Christ and use them to pronounce (as did the Jews with Jehovah and Adonai) "Nbchdnzr" (Nebuchadnezzar without the vowels), we find that we have "nab chad in zzir." What could be clearer in meaning than this? "ZIRR" would have been beyond anyone until this very hour. Now, everyone now knows that 'ZZIR' is the sound the voting machine makes as it processes the vote. Here is the prophecy that voting machines will be used to "nab the chad." Think of the power of this revelation. All of this points specifically to a conspiracy to disenfranchise the urban Cuban vote in south Florida and to do so by Christmas through overriding it nationally [with Hispanic voters] and in the state (remember the "st") [with the use of "chad," specifically, chad ZIRRED in voting machines].

This is not all, for when we look at the name "Nebuchadnezzar" and see that "buch" (an obvious reference to Pat Buchanan) and "buch" (Verbalize the word and you will discover the obvious reference to George W. Bush.) overlay (note that particular word "overlay") in the same name, it is clear that they will be victims of the chad which is part of both names (thus covering over both names—not in protection, but in destruction, "razzen."). This is wonderful beyond belief as to how all this has been right there ready waiting for this very

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thus meaning that the 3 are to be considered as separate units), we arrive at the number 6,6,6. Amazing, yes, but it has been right there all along. Scholars have always considered the mark of the beast the identifier for the anti-Christ; and we have found the mark of the beast as the very first unfolding. WOW! The chad has given us the anti-Christ and his mark.

Now, as we proceed further to understand the meaning of this revelation, notice that Nebuchadnezzar spelled backward is "razzen dah cuben." Say this over a few times and it will begin to unveil itself to you.

When we subtract "chad" from Nebuchadnezzar, we are left with "nebunezzar," which, reversed, gives us "razzen uben." Put these together and you have "Razzen dah uben cuben." Verbalize this and you will instantly understand that this can only mean that the "urban Cuban will be razzen."

The word "razzen" is a form of a word in your very dictionary meaning: "scraped—resulting in a wounding or erasure." Double Wow! The anti-Christ will begin his work with an erasure of the urban Cuban. When you now say the word "chad" then you will recognize some of this revelation for yourself. The urban Cuban will be erased by chad. The vote of the urban Cuban must be removed or at least injured so it cannot count. This is a direct reference to the vote of the Cuban Americans in south Florida—all of whom are urban (Miami-Dade) and the fact that their anti-Castro votes have been attacked in the current recounting debacle in Florida. But, that is not all. When we remove the vowels (just as the Hebrews did not write vowels in their words) from Nebuchadnezzar, we have found the term "nbchdnzr" (the vowels removed are most enlightening: "eua"—Spanish for the United States and "ea"—the abbreviation for each. This is a clear reference to the dividing of the Cuban vote [Republican] from the general Hispanic [Democratic] vote.) Even this is not all. When we remove the

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Eternal I Am, is being stolen from the Jew.

However, on the authority of the word of the Living God of Heaven, I bluntly and boldly affirm that the theft of this election will not stand. The rightful heir will receive the election.

For some the motivation for stealing the election seems noble—they have an agenda to establish and all else is to sacrificed in their self-assigned cause. These desire peace in the world, even if the obtaining of that peace requires the physical eradication of an entire national family, the Jew. Others openly disbelieve the claim that God ever gave the Jew anything. For others this position is a direct repudiation of the concept that the God of Heaven can establish a covenant with a nation, making that people a chosen people. Still others have a personal, unreasoning, hatred of the Jew that comes from a heart given to following Satan. Some declare that they believe that they are punishing the Jew for being a "Christ-killer" and rewarding themselves for "believing God." Regardless of the motivation that they have persuaded themselves to accept, all who advance such a thievery are in a position of being anti-God.

This stealing of the national election of Israel is conducted by a weird axis of powers, grossly divergent forces that are nonetheless allies, even if unwillingly. This is a broad two-prong thievery undertaken by an alliance concocted from a commingled collection of politicians, purveyors of information, educators, opinion constructors, history revisionists, hate-mongers, preachers, and theologians.

First, there is enormous political pressure to remove Israel from the map and to give the land involved to the Palestinian. This is done in the name of political practicality so that peace can be achieved. It is the accomplishment of 'the greater good' for the many at the 'unfortunate' obliteration of the few. The preliminary steps are to squeeze Israel into a small a section of land as possible, internationalize the city of Jerusalem, and recognize the legitimacy of Palestinians. The final solution is to

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eradicate the presence of the Jew.

Second, there is a religious pressure from strange bedfellows to eliminate any claim by any Jew to the land. This pressure comes from two entirely separate religions. The Islamic religion claims that Ishmael, born of Hagar, and not Isaac, born of Sarah, is the beneficiary of the election by the God of Abraham to inherit the land today called Palestine or Israel. This claim is built upon the Qur-an (sometimes called the Koran), a collection of confusing, contradictory ramblings of a self-acclaimed prophet who could neither read nor write.

Certain 'Christian' theologians (some from covenant and dispensationalist backgrounds, but especially reconstructionists and dominionists) with a brazen eraser remove Israel from the election of God and, by the bold wave of their pens, substitute an unbiblical, nonexistent, contrived entity, which they have created to fit their preconceived theology and labeled "The Church." *[This "The Church" is not to be confused with the New Testament Church as revealed and defined in the word of God. The New Testament Church is a local body of believers and is never described as a replacement for the nation of Israel.]* These biased, confused theologians, with no scriptural basis whatsoever, then appropriate, in a spiritual sense rather than a physical nature, to certain 'Christians' members of this fabricated body the election of Israel. Every promise of a literal and physical nature given to Israel is, on their own whim, changed into a promise of spiritual possessions and made payable to 'Christians.' This is foolishness. Such doctrine does not find its foundation in the Scriptures; rather such foundation is to be found in their humanly generated, preconceived systems of doctrine. The promises made to Israel by God in the Old Testament are not repudiated and reassigned to Christians by God in the New Testament. Indeed, the New Testament clearly proclaims that God is not finished with Israel. Only blind arrogance causes one who claims to base his/her belief system on

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finish the picture to perfection.

The clearness of the voice of the vision was undeniable: "Consider the 'chad'." As quickly as a lightening bolt, I was given the key to the mystery of the anti-Christ. It is in the chad—a four-letter word that has the nation, yea even the whole world, in turmoil. This exact word has been secreted within the words of the Bible for nearly three thousand years. No one of those who have gone before in this pursuit of this knowledge—not the biblical writers, not the great scholars, not the wisest of preachers—has ever grasped the significance of this simple word within the word. It has been hidden until now. To all of the great and wise scholars who have labored so earnestly, the book remained sealed until now—until the time of the end. The enormous importance of these four letters has eluded all Bible scholars—until I saw it early this very morning.

The word 'chad' is found 91 ($9 \times [8+1]$) times in 88 ($8 \times [6+5]$) verses of nine ($3 \times [2+1]$) books of the Bible. Every instance is in the name Nebuchadnezzar. 66 times (The number of man doubled is used to call special attention to this word.) in those verses, he is called the 'king of Babylon.' What a most illuminating title for the anti-Christ. Think about that! Bible scholars have long known that Babylon would reappear in the end times and that anti-Christ would have a part in its resurrection—but they all missed this essential key.

Giving attention to the nature of this key, we follow the mathematics of the code. The precision is unbelievable. There are 9 books, divided thusly: six and three (6, in exact sequence of order—2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther—then, 3 books of the prophets, again in exact sequential order—Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel). This gives the formula. The 6 books are separated from the three books by six books. This double declaration of six emphasizes the six. Using the 3 books as individual prophets (6 divided by 6 equals 1,

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portunity. Accordingly, I am approaching only a very few trusted individuals in whom I have great confidence. I immediately thought of you. I want you to have the opportunity to become involved in this great undertaking of preparing Christians for the revelation of the anti-Christ. The profits on the book should be above nine figures in the first six months alone and the movie rights will exceed anything you can imagine. A few thousand invested at a return of even thirty-fold (That is very conservative, as I expect the promised hundred-fold shower of harvesting.) will be retirement padding for you. This is an impossible-to-believe, never-to-be-repeated opportunity. Let nothing delay your quick attention to the matter. This will be much as if you were purchasing a share in the ownership of the Shroud of Turin—only with more potential. Think about the possibility of the income generated from a world tour of that relic for a moment. I must insist that you restrict dissemination of the material only to the most trusted of your friends—only those who are the type who will be willing (and possessing the ability) to help get the message of the book into print and distribution. Warning: If the wrong people discover this truth before we can get the material copyrighted, then all is lost.

I wish I could tell you all that I know; however, the cost of the postage alone would be much too prohibitive. So that you can catch an impartation of the vision, I will share a tiny portion of this revelation with you. You will immediately understand the enormity of the urgency to raise the essential ability of propagation. The secret of the identity of the anti-Christ has eluded the wisest of minds for long centuries. Many false guesses have been offered—all have proven wrong, because they lacked the one key to the absolute identity of the anti-Christ and his mark. Now, thanks to this miraculous vision, I have been given the final piece of the mystery and can begin to

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the Bible to concoct a wild scheme to disenfranchise the Jew and attempt to steal the election of Israel. Consider Romans chapter 11, for an example. I have enlarged and underlined certain words to call them to your attention.

1 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, 3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. 4 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. 5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. 7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded 8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. 9 And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompense unto them: 10 Let their eyes be darkened that they may not see, and bow down their back alway. 11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. 12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? 13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: 14 If by any means I may provoke to

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emulation *them which are my flesh*, and might save some of them. 15 For if the casting away of them *be the reconciling of the world*, what *shall the receiving of them be*, but life from the dead? 16 For if the firstfruit *be holy*, the lump is also *holy*; and if the root *be holy*, so *are the branches*. 17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; 18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. 19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. 20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high-minded, but fear: 21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. 22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in *his goodness*: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. 23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. 24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree? 25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. 26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: 27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. 28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. 29 For the gifts and calling of God *are without re-*

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'plot' may weaken the effectiveness, but it is necessary to protect the innocent.

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Dear Friend,

You are the first to receive this!

A startling revelation wakened me from an enjoyably sound sleep very early this morning. A deep mystery that the Christian world has desired to solve for nearly all of its two thousand year history instantly opened to my understanding. I saw in brilliant light the secret of the identity of the anti-Christ revealed before my eyes. The preliminary research from Genesis through The Revelation that I painstakingly conducted this very morning confirms the validity of this exciting disclosure. All the details are not yet ascertained, but the findings thus far discerned have been staggeringly stunning. This is a breathtaking disclosure. I am greatly humbled to have been the one chosen to receive the revelation of this magnificent, astounding wonderment: a revelation long sought.

With the enlightenment of this unparalleled new insight, I am now able to unlock the secret Bible code hidden to the eyes of humanity since John sighed 'Amen,' laid down his pen, and closed the Book of God. The significance of this is so amazing that I just could not leave you out of the loop on this unprecedented breakthrough in biblical research. Frankly, however, this is too hot for release to the public media at this time. Panic in the streets would result at any premature public disclosure. Secrecy for the time is essential. The people will need to be prepared; however, I have a very limited window of op-

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became more important than either obedience to the practices present in Scripture or faithfulness to the message of Scripture. So-called 'fruitfulness' became the criterion against which all else must be measured. This reduction of discernment to measurement by carnality has not been restricted to 'evangelism.' The collateral effect of this concentration on tools and means has been the withdrawal from the preaching of biblical doctrines and a concentration only on the proclaiming of the Gospel through multiple illustrations. Our churches have been filled with 'converts' who know little beyond John 3:16, *if they know that*. Shallowness in the pulpit has produced gullibility in the pews. Consequently, Baptists (among many others) are reading works of fiction, thinking they are studying prophecy and they are victims of every huckster after a quick buck that markets his/her whimsical scheme of interpretation. Baptists are hungry, and they are searching for nourishment; sadly, they are receiving a diet of junk food.

Dear Reader, get into the word of God. Check the words of preachers with the Scriptures. Prepare for the battle. May I especially encourage you pastors. May the Lord of the harvest bless you as you labor for Him. Stay true, even if prominence passes you by. Stay steady; the Chief Shepherd is on His way.

—Pastor Manley

*Consider The Chad***A Necessary Word of Caution**

Whenever one writes with tongue-in-cheek sarcasm, the imminent danger is that of being taken seriously. I have learned this to my regret by experience. The following is written to demonstrate the unbiblical approach too many are taking toward prophecy and biblical interpretation. I intend it to expose the foolishness tolerated in pulpits today. Giving away my

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penitance. 30 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: 31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. 32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. 33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out! 34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counselor? 35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? 36 For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen."

By an everlasting unconditional covenant, God gave a certain specified (first in general terms and then in great detail) land to Abram and to his then unborn children. First, in Genesis 15, the general boundaries are given.

18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

The exact boundaries are carefully detailed in Numbers chapter 34. Notice that they are neither expanded nor shrunk. Israel is to hold the land "from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates."

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land of Canaan; (this is the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance, *even* the land of Canaan with the coasts thereof:) 3 Then your south quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by the coast of Edom, and your south border shall be the outmost coast of the salt sea eastward: 4 And your border shall turn from the south to the ascent of Akkrabbim, and pass on to Zin: and the going forth thereof shall be from the south to Kadeshbarnea, and shall

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go on to Hazaraddar, and pass on to Azmon: 5 And the border shall fetch a compass from Azmon unto the river of Egypt, and the goings out of it shall be at the sea. 6 And as for the western border, ye shall even have the great sea for a border: this shall be your west border. 7 And this shall be your north border: from the great sea ye shall point out for you mount Hor: 8 From mount Hor ye shall point out *your border* unto the entrance of Hamath; and the goings forth of the border shall be to Zedad: 9 And the border shall go on to Ziphron, and the goings out of it shall be at Hazarenan: this shall be your north border. 10 And ye shall point out your east border from Hazarenan to Shepham: 11 And the coast shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain; and the border shall descend, and shall reach unto the side of the sea of Chinnereth eastward: 12 And the border shall go down to Jordan, and the goings out of it shall be at the salt sea: this shall be your land with the coasts thereof round about. 13 And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This is the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which the LORD commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half tribe: 14 For the tribe of the children of Reuben according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad according to the house of their fathers, have received *their inheritance*; and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance: 15 The two tribes and the half tribe have received their inheritance on this side Jordan *near Jericho* eastward, toward the sunrising. (That is: all the way to the river Euphrates.)

The great, everlasting, unconditional covenant to Abram is not isolated to a few obscure passages, but forms a major doctrine in the entire Bible. Space will permit only a small sampling of these verses.

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy fa-

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So important is the ownership of God of all the earth and the prerogative of God to use it as He determines to be best, that God will judge the nations for having refused to honor His particular division of His land. He will especially bring judgment on the nations that join with Satan in his rebellion against the right of God to do with His possessions as He determines. The attempted stealing of this election will not stand.

Joel 3:2 I will also *gather* all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

In that valley of Jehoshaphat, Almighty God, terrible in judgment, will judge the nations based on the treatment they have accorded the Jew (individually and collectively) and how they dealt with His land. The whole world can attempt to steal the election, but their treachery will not stand. God will not allow it to do so.

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As you read the article *Consider The Chad*, I hope you will be amused, but even more, I want you to understand the seriousness of the tendency today to reduce biblical study to computer games, parlor tricks, and fictional characters. Baptists, at least for the time of my life, have been faddists. Historically, from the days of Charles Finney, American Christians have largely been followers of the doctrine of results. Under that particular theory whatever is 'effective,' in that it procures 'decisions' and responses, is to be practiced. Tools and means

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of Heaven and Earth, will have the final say in the matter. He put Israel in the land and placed the land in her stewardship. When she disobeyed, He removed Israel from that land. When it is His good pleasure, He will return Israel to the land.

Leviticus 25:23 The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me.

He brought Israel into the land; He removed Israel from the land; He will yet once again return Israel to the land.

Deuteronomy 32:43 Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.

2 Chronicles 7:20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.

Jeremiah 2:7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.

2 Chronicles 6:27 Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.

1 Kings 8:36 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

Psalms 85:1 LORD, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

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ther's house, unto a land that I will show thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. . . 7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

Genesis 13:14 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: 15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. 16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. 17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

Genesis 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. 2 And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? 3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. 4 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. . . 18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: 19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, 20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, 21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and

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the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

Genesis 17:7,8 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

Genesis 26:3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father; And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

Genesis 28:4 And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

Genesis 28:13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I *am* the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

Genesis 35:12 And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.

Genesis 48:4 And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession.

Exodus 33:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I swore unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed

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will I give it:

Numbers 34:2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land of Canaan; (this is the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance, even the land of Canaan with the coasts thereof:)

Deuteronomy 34:4 And the LORD said unto him, This is the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither. 2 Chronicles 20:7 Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?

Nehemiah 9:7,8 Thou *art* the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham; And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, *I say*, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou *art* righteous:

Psalms 105:9-12 Which *covenant* he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; 10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant: 11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance: 12 When they were *but* a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it.

Acts 7:5 And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so *much as* to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when *as yet* he had no child.

Let it be clear to all. The land of Israel does not belong to one nation or to all nations nor to one church or to all churches. It belongs to God and He has given it to Israel as a possession held in stewardship. The Most High God, Possessor

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