

LANDMARKS OF FAITH

SEMINAR II: THE JEWISH ROOTS OF CHRISTIANITY

Lecture #1: The Law of the Spirit: Early Jewish Christianity

Hidden Roots: The earliest Christianity was Jewish. How did we forget?

The Day of Pentecost and the Fire on Sinai. Is there a connection?

“Zealous for the Law”: Why did the early Jewish Christians continue to obey the Law of Moses?

The Gentile Issue and the Council of Jerusalem: How can Gentiles become Christians? What are the Laws of Noah? Do Jewish and Gentile Christians have different callings?

War with Rome and the Distress of Jacob: How did the war affect Jews, Jewish Christians, and prophecy?

Jewish Christians and the Rabbis in Israel: Conversations, curses, and conversions.

“You will be hated by all the nations”: What happened to the early Jewish Christians?

Beliefs of the Jewish Christians: End-time crosses, messenger angels, and the tri-unity of God.

Lecture #2: Idols and Empire: The “Gentilization” of Christianity

Ancient Gentile Rome: How does it affect us today? Days and months, politics and religion.

The Pagan Roots of Anti-Semitism: Rome’s love-hate relationship with the Jews.

Gentile Christianity a branch of Judaism: The persecution of Nero.

Emperor Hadrian vs. Jews and Christians: Gentile Christians distance themselves from the Jews.

Anti-Semitism Spreads to the Church: Christianity in Greek clothing.

The “Gentilization” of the faith: Who changed the Sabbath to Sunday? Passover becomes Easter. Eternity: spiritual or physical?

The Millennium: Gentile church or Jewish kingdom?

Lecture #3: Politics and Power: Gentile Christianity turns against the Jews

Constantine’s Imperial Church: Triumph of Christ or false Messiah? The Council of Nicea vs. our Jewish roots. Intolerance against Jews and Christians.

Councils and Creeds: Does Gentile philosophy help us understand Jewish Biblical doctrine?

The Rise of the Papacy and Decline of the Jewish Peter.

The Explosion of Islam out of Arabia: Christians and Jews under Moslem rule.

The Impact of Islam on the West: Breaking the idols—then putting them back.

The Crusades against Muslim, Christian, and Jew: Massacre, inquisition, expulsion, and ghetto.

The Reformation and the Jews: With friends like this, who needs enemies?

Lecture #4: The Cross and Star of David: Christianity and the Modern State of Israel

The Restoration of Israel: Why is Israel always in the news? Holocaust and Zionism. The wars of ‘48, ‘67, ‘73. Russian Jews. Ethiopian Jews.

Fulfillment of Prophecy in Israel: The desert is blooming, the ancient ruins restored. Christians are helping. The rebirth of Jewish Christianity (Messianic Judaism).

“The rest of his brethren will repent concerning the sons of Israel”: Did the Jews kill Jesus? Has God rejected his people? Is Christ the end of the Law? What is the curse of the Law? Does a new covenant cancel an old one?

Prophetic responsibility.

Optional Additional Lecture:

Desert Sword and Crecent Moon: Jewish and Christian Roots of Islam

The origins of Islam and the roots of its conflict with the West—and Israel.