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# THE TABLE

## Study Guide

Thanks for joining us on this journey into the heart of God and the story He has been telling from the beginning of time! May the Lord richly bless you as you gaze again at His Word and consider His plan of salvation and redemption for humanity. This series is designed to be an experience-- not merely a "teaching."

Over the years I have done a lot of preaching and teaching about the ideas of the restoration of Israel, the One New Man, and the importance of unity in the Body of Messiah, but I have found that the most effective means of communicating this message is not in the form of simple lecture-- but rather in small group fellowship and study. People need time and space to digest and process what they are learning, and the freedom and safety to ask questions and study things out for themselves. It is with that goal in mind that we designed this study guide to accompany your journey through The Table.

We want to make a few recommendations on how you work through this content, without being overly prescriptive. The overall video content of this series is roughly 2.5 hours in length. However, this study guide is meant to help people process what they are learning during and between each video segment, so this series is not designed to be viewed all in one sitting. We recommend considering a 4 session study (we typically meet as a group one night a week) for you and/or your small group. The time in between sessions is important for processing and further Bible study and preparation for the next session. Individuals can easily study along at their own pace. Below is a framework that we believe will work well for most groups:

**Week One:** The Table Intro Video and Video 1 "Covenantal Foundations"

**Week Two:** Video 2 "The Birth of the Church Age" and Video 3 "Joint Heirs: The Family of God"

**Week Three:** Video 4 "The Mystery of Israel's Salvation" and Video 5 "Mission Drift"

**Week Four:** Video 6 "The Restoration of Israel" and Video 7 "The 4 Winds"

There are accompanying questions following each video presentation that are designed to help facilitate group sharing, discussion, and processing. Feel free to use these questions as a “launching pad” and be free to add different questions that you believe are relevant, and explore the questions that surface in the hearts of your unique group members. The only dumb question is the one that is not asked! You may find some questions are better processed over the week and are worth revisiting the next time you gather as a group after people have had time to think and reflect.

People will be entering this study from many different experiences and faith points-- and this series is designed to support them as they walk through this content. In addition, while the videos themselves will touch on many scriptures, for the sake of time and brevity, we have included key scriptures we recommend you study prior to watching the next video in the reflect and prep section. These sections of scripture will help provide important context for the ground that will be covered in each video. Our goal and heart is to encourage Bible study, so we have also included an appendix of relevant scripture references and a recommended book list at the end of this guide for those interested in going deeper.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, this series is designed to encourage fellowship and relationship. We have led many groups and have enjoyed sharing stories and having robust discussions over a shared meal each week. People each bring something to share and in the safety and comfort of a meal together, we get to know one another and learn from each other. If you would like to make this a Shabbat meal, we have also included information on how to do so in the appendix. Not only does this idea help support the goals of learning and understanding the content of the video series together; developing true fellowship, friendship, and unity is a worthy biblical pursuit in and of itself! We encourage you to consider enjoying a shared meal each week with your group and use that time to process last week’s session and connect relationally with one another as you go on this journey together.

May the Lord richly bless you as you study His Word and encounter His heart afresh!



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# THE TABLE SESSION 1: Covenantal Foundations

## Recommended reading before this video: Genesis 12-17

Where is Jesus first mentioned? Gen 3:15

What is a covenant? Ps 105

Why did God Choose Israel?

Deut. 7:7

Jesus the confirmation of the Promise:

Romans 15:8

The God who is \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel will be \_\_\_\_\_ to me.

## REFLECT AND PREP

What does it mean to you that Jesus is Jewish?

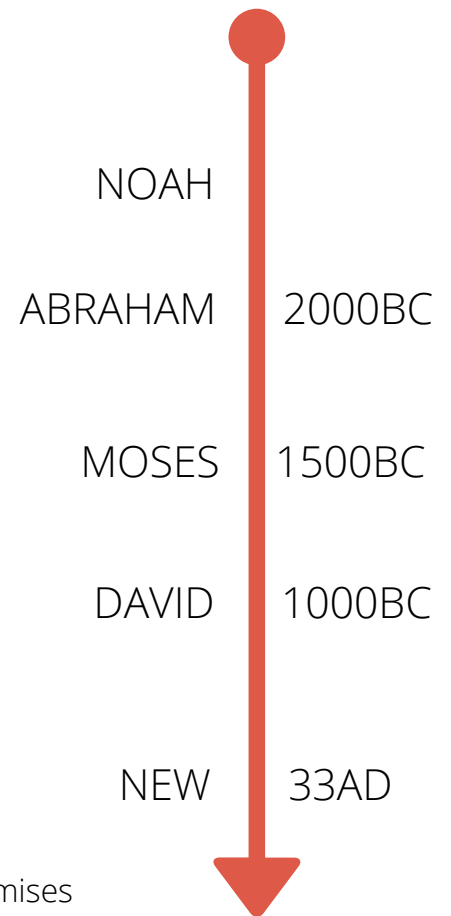
Did you experience any epiphanies regarding how God has worked through the different Covenants to establish Jesus as the Messiah?

What does it mean to you that Jesus is "the confirmation of the promises made to the Patriarchs" as referenced in Rom 15:8?

Have you ever thought of the Bible as a story God is telling from Genesis through Revelation? In what ways-- if any-- does that affect the way you approach the Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel message?

**Suggested Reading: Acts 1 and Acts 10 for the next video**

## TRACING THE SEED OF THE WOMAN





# THE TABLE SESSION 2: The Birth of the Church Age

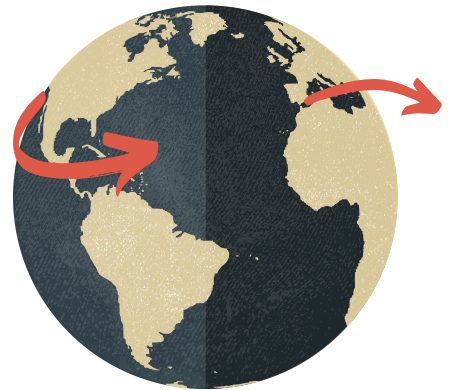
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What is the one question the disciples asked Jesus before he ascended?  
Acts 1:6

What are two key conditions Jesus gave for His return?  
Matt 23:37  
Matt 24:14

Where and How will He return?  
Zech 14:4  
Acts 1:10-11

CORNELIUS: First Fruit of the Gentiles Acts 10



## **REFLECT AND PREP**

What struck you as you reflected on the Ascension of Jesus and heard the Shavuot/Pentecost storyline again?

Did you have any fresh epiphanies about the story of Cornelius and Peter in Acts 10? Why do you think the story of Cornelius is given such prominence in the book of Acts?

What do you think about the controversy mentioned in Acts 15 regarding the debate about the salvation of the Gentiles?

Why does it matter for you to be aware of where we are in God's story? Does it change anything? What?

**Recommended reading: Eph 2-3 for next video**



# THE TABLE SESSION 3: Joint Heirs; The Family of God

GOD'S FAMILY PLAN:

Gen 12:2-3

Matt 8:11

John 10:14-17

Rev 7:9

THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL: Eph 2+3

What is the One New Man?

What is the Impact of the One New Man?

Are we in right relationship with one another?

Why does unity matter?

John 17-

John 13:35-

1John 4:20-

## **REFLECT AND PREP**

What does the "one new man" concept mean to you? Does it change your perspective of the Gospel? Why or Why not?

Have you ever thought of love as spiritual warfare?

How do you feel as a Gentile or Jewish believer about what the Apostle Paul is saying in these passages?

What does it mean for you personally that "the wall of hostility" between Jews and Gentiles has been "torn down by the blood of Christ"?

**Recommended reading: Romans 9-11 for next video**



# THE TABLE SESSION 4: The Mystery of Israel

THE FATHER'S HEART FOR ISRAEL

Romans 9:1-5

Romans 10:1

IS GOD DONE WITH ISRAEL?

You are in the \_\_\_\_\_ of a story, you are not the \_\_\_\_\_  
of the story.

FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES:

Luke 21:24

Romans 11:25

ALL ISRAEL WILL BE SAVED Romans 11:25 Zech 12:10

## **REFLECT AND PREP**

Were you taught replacement theology in your Christian journey? If you were, how do you think that affected you?

How does Paul's (ie the Lord's) zeal for the salvation of the Jewish people mentioned in Rom 9:1-4 and 10:1 strike you? Have you ever considered that before?

What impacted you as we explored the teaching of the Apostle Paul in Romans chapter 11? How do you see the mystery of Israel's salvation and the concept of the "Fullness of the Gentiles"?

Do you know any Jewish people or Messianic believers? Ask the Father what He may be asking you to do in these relationships.



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# THE TABLE SESSION 5: Mission Drift

THE EARLY CHURCH

Jews Being Saved: Acts 6:7, 15:5, 21: 20

WHO KILLED JESUS? Isaiah 53:10

CONSTANTINE IMPACT ON THE CHURCH

MARTIN LUTHER TO HITLER

WHAT SHOULD THE HEART OF THE GENTILES BE? Romans 15:27

## **REFLECT AND PREP**

This is a painful, eye-opening teaching for many people, as many have never heard some of this church history. How do you feel about what you explored and learned in this session?

Do you believe that separation from the Jewish roots of Christianity as taught by many early Gentile fathers had a negative effect on the shape and culture of Christianity? Why or why not?

What do you suppose we lost in the Church as a result of that separation? How should we approach the Jewish people? Was this history new to you? How does this impact you?

Is there any anti-semitism in your family and/or personal history and/or beliefs? If so, take some time to ask forgiveness and uproot it from your heart and generations.

**Recommended Reading: Luke 15 before next video**

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE CHURCH

## 50-117 AD

### Ignatius of Antioch:

Taught that those who partake in Passover are partakers of those who killed Jesus

## 100-165 AD

### Justin Martyr:

Claimed God's Covenant with Israel was no longer valid and that the gentiles had replaced the Jews.

## 130-202 AD

### Irenaeus

Declared that the Jews were disinherited from the grace of God.

## 155- 230 AD

### Tertullian

Blamed the Jews for the death of Christ and argued that they had been permanently rejected by God

## 185- 254 AD

### Eusebius

Taught that the promises in the OT were meant for the Gentile church and the curses were meant for Israel. Taught that the church was the "true Israel".

## 325 AD

### Constantine/Council of Nicea

Makes it a religion of the State, mixes with pagan practices, Outlaws celebrating Passover, mandates Sunday worship and not meeting in homes

## 347-420 AD

### Jerome

Described the Jews as "... serpents wearing the image of Judas. Their psalms and prayers are the braying of donkeys ... They are incapable of understanding Scripture"

## 349- 407 AD

### John Chrysostom

Preached a series of sermons against the Jews in which he stated, "The synagogue is not only a brothel and a theater, it is also a den of robbers and lodging place for wild beasts ... Jews are inveterate murderers possessed by the Devil. Their debauchery and drunkenness gives them manners of a pig." He denied that Jews could ever receive forgiveness. He claimed it was a Christian duty to hate Jews. He claimed that Jews worshiped Satan. He was canonized a saint.

## 354-430 AD

### St. Augustine

Asserted that the Jews deserved death but were destined to wander the earth to witness the victory of the Church over the synagogue."

## 1095-1291 AD

### THE CRUSADES

## 1473-1484 AD

### THE INQUISITION

## 1543 AD

### Martin Luther

describes the Jews as: A miserable accursed people, Stupid fools, Miserable, blind senseless, Thieves and robbers, The great vermin of humanity, Lazy rogues, Blind and venomous  
Luther's suggestions for how to treat Jews?

- burn schools and synagogues
- destroy Jewish homes
- Confiscate the Talmud and prevent Rabbis from teaching
- Take Jewish money and property
- Place Jews into forced labor





# THE TABLE SESSION 6: The Restoration of Israel

Timing of the Restoration

Hosea 3

Ps 102

The Father's heart for their restoration

Jer 32:37

The Prodigal Son

Matt 15:24

Luke 15



## **REFLECT AND PREP**

Have you ever thought about or felt the emotions of God?

Do you relate to God as a Father?

How does knowing His heart for the restoration of Israel impact you?

Even in the midst of severe judgment and desolation, God promises restoration and hope in Hosea. How does the idea of God as a Judge and a Father that disciplines those He loves affect you?

**Recommended reading: Ezekiel 36 and 37 for the next video**



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# THE TABLE SESSION 7 :

## The 4 Winds

Why is the Father restoring Israel?  
Deut 30

What is the restoration?  
Ez 36

Ez 37

Zech 12:10

### REFLECT

Why is God returning the Jewish people to the land of Israel? How does the idea of God' sanctifying" His Name impact you?

God knows the end from the beginning-- what do you think and feel about the scattering and regathering of Israel? What does it say about God's heart and nature?

There are several activation points and specific biblical callings for Gentiles outlined at the end of the session. Which points resonated with you the most? Why?

## CALLING FOR GENTILES

IN THE LAST DAYS



### PRAY

Is 62: 6,11 and Ps 122:6-7



### SERVE

Matt 25: 37-40



### PROVOKE

Romans 11:14



### CARRY

Is 49:22



### GIVE

Romans 15:27



### DECLARE

Jer 31:10



# THE TABLE APPENDIX

## **BOOKS FOR FURTHER STUDY:**

"Your People Shall Be My People" by Don Finto  
"Our Hands are Stained with Blood" by Dr. Michael Brown  
"Messianic Church Arising!" by Dr. Robert Heidler  
"Copernicus and the Jews" by Daniel Gruber  
"Israel in the New Testament" by David Pawson

## **ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES TO STUDY:**

Topic: God's Everlasting Covenant with the Jewish People  
Genesis: 13:14-15, 17:7-8, 12:1-3

Topic: God's Heart for Israel  
Psalm 89:30-37, 121:4, 122:6, 102, 105  
Jeremiah 31-32  
Hosea 11

Topic: Promises to Restore Israel  
Exodus 6:2-4  
Deut 30:1-4  
Nehemiah 1:8-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 147:1-2  
Isaiah 14:1-2, 27:12-13, 35:8-10, 40:1-5, 43:1-6, 45:2-6, 49, 54:1-18, 56:6, 62:4-7, 68:8  
Jeremiah 16:14-16, 23:3-8, 29:14  
Ezekiel 11:17-20, 20:34, 28:25-26, 34:11-13, 36:22-28, 37, 39,  
Amos 9:13-15  
Micah 2:12-13, 4:6-7  
Zephaniah 3:19-20  
Zechariah 2:6-7  
Romans 9-11



## **SHABBAT DINNER EXPERIENCE**

If you would like to make your dinner together a Shabbat meal there is some information below. This was the rhythm of the early church in homes and continues in Jewish homes around the world every Friday night. It can be a rich experience to enter into together as believers.

It starts with the lighting of the candles by the woman of the home who prays to welcome the Lord and focus on rest, worshiping Jesus as the light of the world.

Then the man of the home would bless the bread:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth. Jesus, thank you for your body that was broken for us to bring our healing.

Break the bread, pass it, and eat.

Taking the cup of wine he blesses it:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. Jesus, thank you for your blood that was shed for us making us clean.

Pass the cup and drink.

The Father then prays a blessing over his wife and children.

NOTE: When you do this as a group it is fun to switch who leads it every week and/or let all pray blessings over their families. Also feel free to add your own flavor on this time.



## **RECIPE FOR CHALLAH BREAD**

5 CUPS OF FLOUR

1/2 CUP SUGAR

1 PACKET OF INSTANT DRY YEAST

1/2 TSP SALT

Mix dry ingredients. Make a well in the dry ingredients and put in:

1 EGG

1/2 CUP VEGE OR CANOLA OIL

1 CUP OF LUKE-WARM WATER

Knead until it comes together in a ball adding water as needed. Cover and let rise for 1 hour and then braid and let rise another hour covered with a towel on the baking sheet. You can brush a bit of egg white if you want a shiny finish, but it is optional. Bake at 365 degrees on the middle shelf of the oven. NOTE: We add another baking empty baking sheet on the bottom shelf of the oven to prevent the bottom from burning.