

# An Old Prophet's Years Of Laments



Prophetic Insight 8/1/2024 *The Hebraic Is Hidden From the 'Learned'*



I needed to let you know in this Lament my discouragement over how little the Reformers really achieved in their quest to rid Christianity of Roman Catholic "Sacred Traditions." Sadly, the Nicolaitan clergy system has given many of the Reformers far too much credit when in fact a number of them actually advanced the purposes of the anti-Christ demonic entity. But first let me highly commend the Reformers for five of the most notable reforms which did refute Sacred Tradition and attested to the preeminence of God and His Word:

- sola scriptura*—Scripture as the sole and final authority for Christians
- sola fides*—acceptance by God and reconciliation with Him through faith alone
- sola gratia*—deliverance from sin only by God's grace
- sola Christos*—salvation through Christ, in Christ alone
- soli deo gloria*—glory to God alone



These five reforms are **Hebraic at the core!** And what a difference there would be **if** the Reformers had refrained from spouting '**learned opinions,**' and instead remained focused on reforming those evils that distort the Scriptures and the *way of life* in Christ. Then Protestants at large wouldn't have become so fractured and divided in their beliefs and practices. I'll be discussing several '**learned opinions**' which many of the Protestant Reformers mandated as their creedal position, often on par with Scripture. Through these 'learned' opinions, Reformers established their own "Sacred Traditions", thereby attesting to the influence of anti-Christ in their particular teaching framework.

## How Anti-Christ Has Dominated Christianity

The bedrock of Christianity-- loving God and obedient trust in Him-- begins in the Hebrew Text. His covenant-giving nature especially with Abraham

Older Testament  
Hebrew Text is bedrock

clarifies our New Covenant relationship in Christ.

Older Testament is the wellspring for the Newer Testament. 283 direct quotations from the Hebrew Bible are in the Newer Testament.

Newer Testament  
Hebrew Text is upheld & applied

Earliest Christianity

Hellenist anti-Semitic "Church Fathers" established Sacred Traditions for Roman Catholicism. Eradicating God's purpose for the Hebrew Text, they supplanted the Lordship of Jesus with papal domination—Pontifex Maximus. Scripture is replaced by pagan religious rituals and "Sacred Tradition."

Neither Catholicism nor Protestantism has restored:  
•fulfilling Father's purpose •the Lordship of Jesus as the only Head •His Spirit's direction and empowerment  
•His means of unifying and equipping His followers.

Roman Catholicism

Reform Attempts

Protestantism

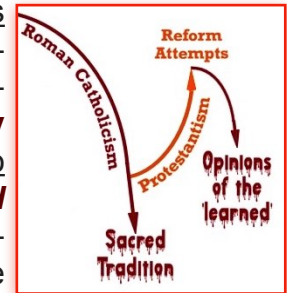
Sacred Tradition

As the diagram illustrates, the Reformers fell way short of what our Lord's first followers understood and practiced on their faith journey. The anti-Semitic bias of the 'learned' Reformers caused them to repudiate the following core characteristics, ***The Way Of The Lord***, which had identified Jesus's earliest followers:



- living to fulfill Father's will by His grace;
- living under the loving rule of the Headship of our Lord Jesus;
- relying on our Lord's anointings to unify and equip His followers for service;
- dependent on the indwelling Holy Spirit's ongoing direction and empowerment.

Many of the Reformers disavowed *the way of our Lord* that unified His first followers who persistently applied God's commands to their lives. Instead of helping Jesus's own put His commands into practice in their everyday lives, the Reformers created an **intellectualized Protestant passivity** which ultimately produced an inordinate amount of Bible study with little to no application. The Reformers became highly esteemed for their **'learned opinions'** and in most cases were above all question by their fervent supporters (i.e., "infallible"). Throughout Christendom today clergy emphasize Bible instruction, but fail to assist in specifically applying God's commands.

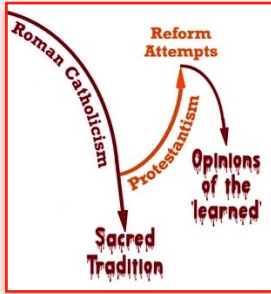


You can look all around Christianity in this nation and find hardly any believers who persistently apply God's commands to their way of life out of love for the One Who gave them. God has breathed out 1,050 commands in the Newer Testament and 613 in the Older Testament—and many of the Newer Testament commands build on the Hebrew Scriptures. **As within Roman Catholicism, a common identifier of anti-Christ's influence in Protestantism is that most of the individuals within the systems have no testimony to the rule of our Lord Jesus in their fulfilling Father's purposes and will for their lives. This is what happens when following God's commands in obedient trust is ignored or disavowed!**

If you're among those who revere the Reformers and view ***their 'learned' opinions-turned-creed*** as "God-given", then it may be hard for you to recognize that many of their particular creedal distinctives are no less anti-Christ than Catholicism's Sacred Traditions. Yet the opinions of a number of Reformers are in fact anti-Christ and defy God's Word. The 'learned' opinions rendered by many of the Reformers did not emphasize the "*way of our Lord*," the very way of life for which Abraham was chosen by God (Genesis 18:19). Abraham related personally to God in trust and was obedient to His commands. The *way of our Lord* can't be instilled simply through Bible reading or instruction. Rather, our Lord's way for you as His follower is a responsive life of love and obedient trust that's developed as you unwaveringly make His commands your *way of life*. But if you find you're enamored by the anti-Christ opinions of the Reformers, keep this command of Christ at the forefront of your thinking: Our Lord Jesus emphasized the basis of a love relationship with Him using the same standard the Israelites were given: "If you love Me, keep My commands" (John 14:15; see Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

Alongside the Bible many denominations center on their specific catechism in which their theologians have succinctly organized their particular creedal positions and religious practices. Catechisms contain many opinions of the 'learned' which define what you must believe. But they neglect the *way of life* which our Lord Jesus demands. Historically the most common Protestant catechisms are The Short Catechism, the Geneva Catechism, the Heidelberg Catechism, the Westminster Shorter Catechism, Luther's Small Catechism, The Baptist Catechism. (Roman Catholics have their own catechisms, and it wasn't until 1963 that laity were encouraged to read the Bible for themselves. As with Protestantism, having help to put God's commands into practice is scarce.)

## The Reformers 'Learned' Opinions Empowered Anti-Christ



In my 7/15/2024 Lament, [\*The Queen Thwarts You Abiding In Jesus's Rule\*](#) I wrote that in the 'learned' opinion of noted Swiss Reformer, John Calvin (1509-1564), the spiritual anointings of Ephesians 4:11-16 which our Lord Jesus Himself established to equip and unify His body under His rule, **were only temporary**. According to Calvin these anointings ceased when the original Apostles died. (Centuries earlier the Roman Catholic hierarchy had eliminated our Lord Jesus's plan for these anointings in equipping and unifying His followers.)

Calvin presumed to contradict our Lord Jesus, revealing the influence of anti-Christ in his thinking. He also reinforced the "higher spiritual calling" of clergy (Nicolaitanism) which was postulated in Cosmic Dualism. Consider what the anti-Christ entity has gained in eliminating our Lord's means of equipping His own: no widespread unity with each person equipped to mutually fulfill our Father's purposes and will.

In our October 2000 newsletter, [\*We Must Go Back Before Going Forward\*](#) we presented Christian pollster George Barna's findings: The typical church evaluates its ministry by using the following criteria: service attendance, membership, revenue, ratio of pastoral staff to congregants, and square footage. But these measures have nothing in common with biblical Christianity's primary purpose —everyone actively living as Christ's ambassador and bearing fruit to His glory. Please read for yourself how our Lord evaluates His own: Matthew 7:21; 25:31-46; John 15:1-10.

Another way to discern the influence of anti-Christ is that conversion for Roman Catholicism was indoctrination into its sacred traditions. Through autocratic rule the hierarchy was able to maintain unquestioning adherents. And the threat of being excommunicated and condemned to hell effectively quelled dissent. But the Reformers exercised no such unified "fear tactics". Rather, beginning with their varied contrived gospel interpretations, they used "creedal propaganda" so that converts became identified as Episcopalian, Lutheran, Baptist, Presbyterian, etc. The anti-Christ demonic entity has wielded contrasting creedal distinctives and Sacred Tradition to splinter organized Christianity, preventing it from mounting a unified offense against the devil.

### Anti-Christ's Deceptive Slogan: "Once Saved, Always Saved"



The widely embraced "Once Saved, Always Saved" catchphrase was conceived in the writings of John Calvin. This deception quickly spread through various Protestant denominations and is widely used as God's guarantee in Evangelical crusades. Calvinist circles initially interpreted this concept as an outworking of Augustine's (354-430) doctrine of "*perseverance of the saints*." This teaching emanated from our Lord's words, "But he *who endures to the end shall be saved*" (Matthew 24:13; also Mark 13:13). Augustine believed that the journey to eternal life involves persistence. Our Lord and His first followers understood salvation to be at the end of life's earthly journey and the beginning of eternal life in heaven.

Centuries after Augustine, Reformers like Calvin viewed the Gospel as "getting people saved", overlooking the lifelong intimate relationship our Father offers us in union with Christ by His indwelling Spirit. Believing that there was much ambiguity in Augustine's view, "*perseverance of the saints*" morphed into the Calvinist "doctrine of predestination"—that nothing a person does in their life can alter their eternal fate. Through the 'learned' opinion of other theologians

over the centuries, our Lord's words that *"he who endures to the end shall be saved"* became construed as God's guarantee that no one can walk away from their salvation — hence "once saved, always saved." Yet they disregarded the reality that we humans can indeed for our part break our Father's Covenant by intentionally and permanently falling away.

The erroneous salvation position has great bearing on how you're choosing to live your life! In the early 20th century, "once saved, always saved" became a defining doctrine of Southern Baptist and Plymouth Brethren theology. Today most Baptist denominations as well as Presbyterians hold this belief, which is also known as "the believer's eternal security." It's important to realize that our Lord's own words, that *"he who endures to the end will be saved"*, became mutated into a guarantee of salvation at the moment of "conversion" even if the "convert" later decided to permanently return to living his old sinful way apart from God. This deceit all came about through centuries of theological opinions. Because they didn't restore the biblical Hebraic foundations, **'learned' men began guaranteeing what God hasn't guaranteed.**

Many "once saved, always saved" theologians over the centuries have rendered their 'learned' opinion concerning what they believe the Bible states. But now, please settle for yourself what you believe God's Word is telling you here:

*"It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of God's rhema word and the powers of the coming age and then falling away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying again for themselves the Son of God and holding Him up to open shame"* (Hebrews 6:4-6).

*"For if we sin willfully after we have received the full knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries of God. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy having trampled the Son of God underfoot, having deemed the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and having insulted the Spirit of grace?"* (Hebrews 10:26-29).

*"For if, after having escaped the defilements of the world through a full knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, yet by these again having been entangled and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it was better for them not to have fully known the way of righteousness than after fully knowing it to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them"* (2Peter 2:20,21).

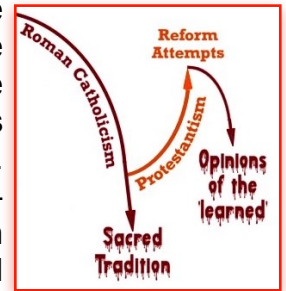
*"You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on guard lest being led astray by the error of the lawless you fall from your own steadfastness"* (2Peter 3:17).

My years of dismay were created by the brazen altering of our Lord's words by 'learned theologians. Their false teaching has entrenched multitudes into a false belief about the guarantee of their salvation. Both the anti-Christ demon and anti-Semitism blinded the 'learned', keeping them from recognizing the Gospel in the New Covenant which our Lord Jesus points to in the Older Testament. Our Lord proclaims to all generations the foundation for establishing a Covenant relationship with Him: *"He who trusts in Me, as the [Hebrew] Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."* But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those trusting in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified" (John 7:38,39). Those whose Gospel emanates from the Hebrew Scripture discover that to enter the New Covenant requires this: •their repentance, •their love, •their trust •their resolute determination to live the way of our Lord as Abraham did. The Older Testament reveals their sinful depravity and that they can never pay the penalty for their own sin. It's in their deep

appreciation for the cost Jesus paid on their behalf that they willingly forgive all others.

This depth of gratefulness for His amazing grace is why our Lord proclaimed our unquestionable need to forgive: *“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses”* (Matthew 6:14,15). And because your forgiving all others is so essential, He warned, *“And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses”* (Matthew 18:34,35; see also 1John 2:9,11).

**FYI:** When Sue and I traveled the nation conducting seminars on the Hebraic foundations, we'd fully discuss the Gospel that's contained in the New Covenant. In congregations especially in the Bible Belt where “Once saved, always saved” prevails, the vast majority of those present (at times over 90%) acknowledged that they weren't indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Even a number of their religious leaders became fearful that they'd been living a lie in preaching that the Holy Spirit was no longer at work in or through today's believers. In sharp contrast, God's Word reveals an eternally crucial line of distinction: *“However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, **if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him**”* (Romans 8:9).



We surveyed those who were honest when they realized they weren't genuinely born again. They recognized that they didn't possess even one of the Spirit's indicators which our Lord Jesus promises: *“And these signs will accompany those who trust: in My name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover”* (Mark 16:17,18; see also John 14:12; Acts 2:38,39; Romans 12:4-8; 1Corinthians 12:1-11; 1Corinthians 14:1-40 for other indicators). The vast majority of the people who weren't indwelt by the Holy Spirit admitted they were **plagued by unforgiveness** which had beset them before their so-called “conversion.” It was because of their refusal to forgive that our heavenly Father had refused to consummate His Covenant by sealing them with the Holy Spirit. (If you can't find any evidence of the Holy Spirit in you, I encourage you to read our article, [The Gospel Of The Covenant Is The Pilgrimage To Salvation](#)).

**“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah”** (Jeremiah 31:31).

With anti-Semitic theology rife within Roman Catholicism and Protestantism, few recognize that the New Covenant which our Lord Jesus made possible was destined initially for Israel and Judah. We Gentiles who embrace the true Gospel are grafted in by grace among the Israelites who trust (Romans 11:1-33). It's vital that Gentiles don't become haughty toward the Jewish people as were Roman Catholic and many Protestant theologians. Paul warns us to learn from Israel's descent into unbelief so that we might fear God. If we don't continue to trust in God's goodness, we too will be cut off (Romans 11:22). Severe consequences came about when the 'learned' theologians discarded the Hebraic foundations and a clear understanding of the covenant which God made with Abraham and his descendants. **“Replacement Theology”** entered in, asserting that Christianity has completely replaced Israel in God's plan.

Replacement theology (also called supersessionism) has been a fundamental doctrine within

many Christian persuasions for most of their history, including Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Methodist, and Reformed churches. (Justin Martyr and Augustine were two of many supersessionists in the early centuries.)

John Calvin viewed Israel as no longer theologically significant. As a supersessionist he argued that the Jews are a people who've been rejected by God: "Their rotten and unbending stiff-neckedness deserves that they be oppressed unendingly and without measure or end and that they die in their misery without the pity of anyone." Martin Luther's attitude toward Jews took different forms during his lifetime. In his earlier period he wanted to convert Jews to his beliefs. In his later period when Jewish people had rebuffed his teachings, he wrote *On the Jews and Their Lies*, denouncing them and urging their persecution: "Set fire to their synagogues or schools and bury and cover with dirt whatever will not burn, so that no man will ever again see a stone or cinder of them. This is to be done in honor of our Lord and of Christendom, so that God might see that we are Christians." (Nazis fulfilled Luther's words during Kristallnacht on November 9-10, 1938.)

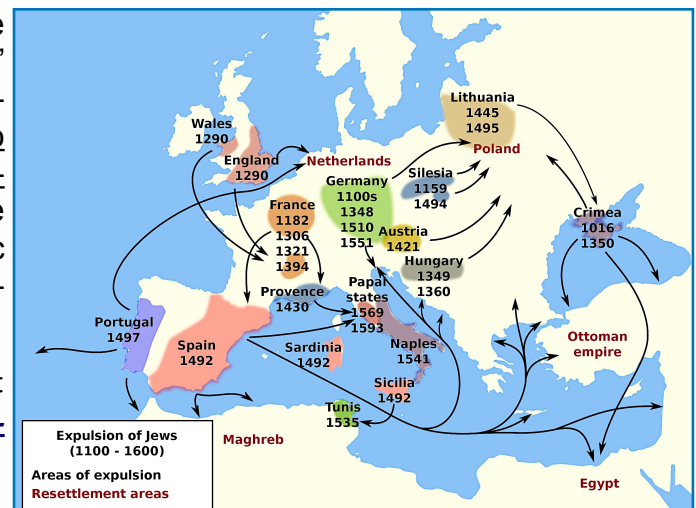
**FYI:** While I was at seminary I was persuaded to embrace Replacement Theology because it was so articulately presented. Several years later, though, my Christian/Jewish friend Bert emigrated with his family to Israel. I opposed him doing this, ignorantly telling him, "God is through with the Jews in His plans." However, as Father would have it, after our years at the retreat center Sue and I went to live with Bert and his family in a settlement outside Jerusalem. On our first day in Jerusalem, Bert and I were standing next to the Tower of David while our wives were shopping. Suddenly I heard the Holy Spirit say, "**Mike, you're about to become part of a Gentile Awakening.**" I told Bert what I'd just heard and he laughed with joy about my newfound awareness. I spent the next several days reading the entire Old Testament. As I read it with the Holy Spirit guiding me, I realized that God has not rejected the Jewish people nor does Christianity replace them in His plans. Shortly afterwards our heavenly Father began to reveal the **Hebraic foundations** to Sue and me, His prophetic message to Christians especially in the US.

### Could Rejection Of The Hebraic Foundations And The Harsh Treatment Of The Jewish People Be A Curse On Christianity? (Genesis 12:2,3)

I can't help but believe that Christianity's divisive nature is God's curse for Christians cursing the Jewish people, the descendants of Abraham. Over the centuries a series of 'learned' anti-Semitic theologians blamed the Jewish people for the death of Christ. In their 'learned' arrogance they failed to take into account that the sins of all mankind prompted our Lord Jesus to allow Himself to be hung on the cross to pay the penalty to our holy and just God.

Over the centuries the Jewish people have been kicked out of most countries in "Christian" Europe at one time or another. I honestly believe that their persecution and our inability to be unified as our Lord intended are interconnected. I prayerfully hope that we all will take the blinders off and repent of what anti-Semitic theology has caused and what much of Christianity at large has agreed with.

For further insight into God's plans for Israel, see: **[Chapter 23. The Hebraic Restoration And The Jewish People](#)**, in our book, *Restoring The Early Church*.



**In conclusion:** I've offered you only a few of the 'learned' opinions which many Protestant theologians have introduced and have become treated as "God-given". These opinions only require you to "believe" but don't help you fulfill your loving responsibility to put God's commands into practice so that by His grace you live the *way of our Lord*. This means that many "Christians" can freely yield to the desires of their rebellious sin nature and still be assured that their "ticket to heaven" has been punched. They don't mind "believing" as long as they don't have to obey our Lord Jesus through action and attitude. Doing their own will rather than following Jesus as Lord of their lives is why few Christians consistently apply God's commands to their lives and live as Christ's ambassador.



The anti-Christ demonic entity's achievements have exercised profound influence on Christianity even today. They have •minimized the Lordship of Jesus by relegating His chief role to being a "Savior." •employed "Once saved, always saved" as a slick advertisement for "conversions" which promise heaven no matter how you spend the rest of your earthly life. •completely eliminated the anointings which our Lord intended to equip and unify His own. And don't forget, the negative views of many Christians toward the Jewish people as well as God's promises to restore them again to Israel is a triumph for anti-Christ.

Many Protestants (maybe you?) are dominated by **reason, logic** and a **deistic view** of yourself that enables you to be "lord" of your own life even while saying "Lord" Jesus as His title. But beware. When the guidance and empowerment of the Holy Spirit are non-existent in your life, then Christianity is no more than a religious ideology for you. I encourage you while there is still time: "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:2). And be persistent and persevering in obedient trust: "The one keeping God's commands remains in Him, and He in them. And by this we know that He abides in us: We know it by the Spirit He gave us" (1John 3:24). The presence of the Holy Spirit within you is evidenced in the empowered life which Jesus promises to those who love Him. You're either abiding in obedient trust through the Holy Spirit and being used by Him or you aren't. I hope you'll take to heart what I've written in this Lament. I'm glad after all these years to finally be allowed by the Holy Spirit to share with you these distressing insights.