

The church logo

When I first started pastoring officially in August 1993, we had no logo for our church but I was not too bothered. I prayed and asked the Lord that if He wanted us to have a logo then he should show me. Six months later, I had completely forgotten the prayer I had prayed. One Saturday evening as I was preparing my sermon, for the Sunday morning, all of a sudden, I saw an image flashing before my eyes. I had never had an experience like this before, I close my eyes and there it still was. I became confused wondering what the meaning of this was. The Holy Spirit spoke to my heart and said "look at the image and draw exactly what you see".

As I Began to focus, the image became crystal clear, I could see the Cross very boldly in red overlaying the Star of David, in the background. The Lord then spoke to me about our Christian heritage stemming from Judaism. He went on to speak to me about anti-Semitism and replacement theology in the church, and told me to have nothing to do with it.

That Saturday night the Lord changed my message to "Judaism our Christian Heritage". I did not realise until many years later, how anti-Semitism would be a major issue within the church of Jesus Christ as well as in our world.

Church Logo Meaning

Judaism our Christian heritage. Christianity stems from Judaism it is the root that supports the tree. Everything in the Old Testament points to Jesus Christ the Messiah who was to come, who was a Jew.

John 4:22 (Jesus said) You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.

What Is Replacement Theology

Replacement theology is the teaching that the Christian <u>church</u> has replaced national Israel regarding the plan, purpose, and promises of God.

What Does The Bible Say About The Jews

"For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; 26 and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, 'The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will remove ungodliness from Jacob,'" (Rom. 11:25-26).

In direct contradiction of Replacement Theology, the Bible teaches that the Jews have never been rejected by God because of their unbelief. In Romans 3 Paul asserts point blank that their rejection of Jesus has not nullified God's faithfulness to the promises He has made to them (Romans 3:1-4). Paul makes the point again in Romans 11:1 when he asks, "I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He?" He answers his own question with an emphatic statement: "May it never be!... God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew" (Romans 11:2). It is true that the Jewish people are currently under discipline because of their rejection of their Messiah. Over and over in their Scriptures the prophets said they would be disciplined if they were unfaithful, but always the promise was made that they would be preserved. An example of this type of prophetic statement can be found in Jeremiah 30:11 —"For I am with you,' declares the Lord, 'to save you; for I will destroy completely all the nations where I have scattered you, only I will not destroy you completely. But I will chasten you justly, and will by no means leave you unpunished."

God has preserved them in His grace because He loves them. In Zechariah 2:8 God proclaims that the Jewish people are "the apple of His eye," and He warns against anyone trying to harm them.