

## IMMERSE: CHRONICLES

Week 12 – “Gaps in the Bible”

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(NOTE: This lesson is not addressing the Gap Theory concerning Gen. 1:1-2)

What do you think about these seven statements:

- The Bible is an historical book...about Israel.
- The Bible is a prophetic book...about Israel.
- Jesus, the Jewish Messiah, was born in Israel.
- Jesus died in Israel
- Jesus rose from the dead in Israel
- Jesus is going return to Israel.
- Our eyes need to be on Israel re: end times - as we FOCUS on Jesus!

I would add that the history and prophetic books in Scripture which primarily address Israel impact the nations (Gen. 12:3; Gen. 18:18).

Daniel's 70 Weeks Prophecy:

For whom:

How many years did God promise concerning the fulfilling of the six “goals” (Dan. 9:24)?

How many years were fulfilled? And up to what event?

How many years are left within the 70 Weeks Prophecy?

What is God's plan for Israel?

Is there a gap between now and the last seven years in the 490 years?

How do we know that there is a gap from Scripture?

WHY is there a gap?

What had Jesus been offering Israel?

Did Israel receive Jesus as King?

When was Jesus' offer rejected officially?

Are there more gaps in Scripture? If so – WHY?

OT/NT –

Gen. 3:15 – fulfilled Isa. 7:14

II Sam. 7:12-16 –

God's promise to RESTORE Israel

Eze. 8-11

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First Coming & Second Coming

Jesus as our High Priest/Jesus as King of Kings

Reread seven statements from the beginning

George Eldon Ladd has stated that he and others like him "...form their theology from the explicit teaching of the NT and not from the OT. They confess that they cannot be sure how the OT prophecies of the end are to be fulfilled for the first coming of Christ was accomplished in terms not foreseen by a literal interpretation of the OT and there are unavoidable indications that the OT promises to Israel are fulfilled in the Christian church." "Historic Premillennialism" in *The Meaning of the Millennium: Four Views* (InterVarsity Press, 1977), p. 27.

Ladd also states that "The OT must be interpreted by the NT. ...it is quite possible that the prophecies addressed originally to literal Israel describing physical blessings have their fulfillment exclusively in the spiritual blessings enjoyed in the church. It is also possible that the OT expectation of a kingdom on earth could be reinterpreted by the NT altogether of blessings in the spiritual realm." "Revelation 20 and the Millennium," *Review and Expositor* 57 (1960), p. 167.