

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S HEART FOR ISRAEL FRANN WOHLERS

Understanding God's Heart for Israel is a six-week topical, scripture-based teaching. The goal is threefold:

1. Help Gentile believers connect to God's *heart* for His covenant people through what He speaks to us in His Word.
2. The goal is for *heart* change toward the Jewish people, not simply head knowledge about them.*
3. As Gentiles embrace God's heart and plan for the Jewish people, His desire for the One New Man will become more of a reality.

*Although God "chose" the Jewish people for His purposes, "chosen" does not mean favorite. There is no favoritism with God. By faith in Jesus, Gentiles are co-heirs with fellow Jewish believers and are grafted into the rich olive tree of Israel.

The format is a 40-50 minute teaching followed by a Q & A time to process.

Week 1: **Why a Chosen People?**

Answers the questions "Why did God "choose" the Jewish people?" and "What did He "choose" them for?"

Scriptures discussed: Ruth 1:16, Acts 10:34-35; Romans 2:11; Genesis 11:4; Genesis 15:6; Deut 14:2; Isaiah 41:8-9; Genesis 12:1-3; Deut 7:7; Isaiah 42:6; Isaiah 43:10,12; Isaiah 49:7; Isaiah 53:2; Galatians 3:8; Romans 9:4-5; Ephesians 2:14-18

Week 2: **The Covenants**

Discusses the 4 major Covenants God gave to Israel: The Abrahamic, The Mosaic, The Davidic and the New Covenant. God's heart for Israel becomes more apparent as we view the Jewish people through the lens of covenant.

Scriptures discussed: Psalms 89:34, Numbers 23:19; Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 17:1-8; Genesis 17:9-13; Genesis 17:18-21; Genesis 26:2-5, Genesis 25:21-26, Genesis 35:9-12, Romans 3:1-4a, Leviticus 26:43; Leviticus 26:44-45; Amos 9:14-15; Isaiah 66:8, Genesis 3:15, Zechariah 12:3a; Leviticus 25:23; Genesis 15:7-12, 17-21; Deut 11:11-12; Zechariah 2:8; Joel 3:1-2, Ezekiel 36:5-7, Genesis 16:12; Genesis 25:17-18, Psalm 120:5-7; Deuteronomy 32:46-47, Exodus 24:7-8,; Exodus 31:13; Deuteronomy 29:1, 30:1-5, Deuteronomy 29:12-15, Matthew 5:17, Romans 7:7, Galatians 3:19a, 1Chronicles 17:11-14; Luke 1:32-33; Jeremiah 33:20-22, Isaiah 9:7b, Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 11:25-27, Romans 11:11, 17-18; Luke 22:19-20

Week 3:
The History of Anti-Semitism in the Church

Discusses the long and tragic history of anti-Semitism throughout Church history and how it has impacted the Jewish people's response to Christ and Christianity.

Scriptures discussed: Acts 10:28, 34-35; Acts 15:7, 10-11, John 10:17-18, Isaiah 40:1-2, Isaiah 61:4-7

Week 4:
God's Irrevocable Call on Israel

Focuses on Romans chapters 9-11 with emphasis on Romans 11. Discusses Israel's rebellion, partial blindness and future restoration. Explains God's irrevocable call on the Jewish nation and why Israel continues to play a crucial role in God's unfolding plan.

Scriptures discussed: Isaiah 40:1-2; Isaiah 61:4-7; Romans 3:1-4a; Romans 9:1-5; Romans 9:6-13; Romans 9:18; Romans 10:1-4, 17, 20-21; Genesis 18:20-26; Deuteronomy 32:21; Romans 11:1-36; Ephesians 2:11-13; Jeremiah 31:31, 33-34; Zechariah 12:9-10; Genesis 18:18

Week 5:
Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord

Discusses God's future plan for Israel in the last days.

Scriptures discussed: Matthew 23:13, 27-28, Matthew 23:34-39, Matthew 15:24, Isaiah 48:5, Genesis 3:14-15, Zechariah 12:9-10, Revelation 12:1-6, Revelation 12:9, 13-17, Matthew 24:15-22, Isaiah 34:5-6, Isaiah 63:1-6, Revelation 19:11-16, Isaiah 33:16-17, Hebrews 9:28, Micah 2:12-13, Isaiah 66:11-12

Week 6:
Where Do We Go From Here?

Discusses Replacement Theology and Repentance. Processes the previous 5 weeks of teaching and asks the question, "How do we respond to what we have learned?"

Scriptures discussed: 2 Chronicles 15:8-9, Romans 11:11, 17-21, Romans 3:1-4a, Galatians 3:26-29, John 5:19, 2 Corinthians 7:9-10, Leviticus 26:40, 42, Exodus 20:5-6, Daniel 9:15-17, Luke 12:48, Isaiah 66:2, Psalms 51:17, Acts 3:18-21, Acts 26:19-20