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#1 “But you shall receive POWER when the HOLY SPIRIT has come UPON YOU; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

#2 “Then FEAR CAME UPON EVERY SOUL, and MANY WONDERS and SIGNS were done THROUGH the apostles.” (Acts 2:43)

#3 “Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And WALKING in the FEAR of the LORD and in the COMFORT of the HOLY SPIRIT, they were MULTIPLIED.” (Acts 9:31)

ACTS 5:3 “...why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit...” Vs. 4 “Why have you conceived this thing in your heart?” Vs. 6 “...so great Fear came upon the church”.

POINT #1 To fear God is to rightly manage our thinking, which brings rescue and healing, since our thoughts impact us neurologically, biologically, and eternally!

POINT #2 Walking in the fear of God works hand in glove with the help, gifting and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives! (Acts 9:31).

Acts 3:20-21 Peter says- “Repent therefore and return to the Lord...that He may send Jesus Christ ... whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.”

“‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will make a NEW COVENANT with the PEOPLE OF ISRAEL and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,’ declares the LORD.” (Jeremiah 31:31-32)

“What if some were unfaithful? Will their unfaithfulness nullify God’s faithfulness? Not at all! Let God be true, and every human being a liar.” (Rom. 3:3-4)

Romans 11:1-2 “I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew.”

Romans 11:26 “...all Israel will be saved!”

"This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone... They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your ancestors lived. They and their children and their children's children will live there forever..." (Ezekiel 37:21–22, 25)

THE COVENANT IS 5-FOLD:

#1 There is FORGIVENESS of SINS available to all who believe (Heb 8:12).

#2 The REGENERATION of the Holy Spirit: the Law internalized in the hearts of believers (2 Cor 3:3).

#3 The GUARANTEE ISRAEL will be preserved throughout the ages (Jer. 31:35–37).

#4 ISRAEL will be RECONCILED to GOD, "All Israel will be saved" (Rom 11:25–36).

#5 ALL of HUMANITY will know the Lord (Jer. 31:34).

POINT #3 You cannot separate the person and work of Jesus past, present and future from the reality of Israel

*Did God really say, "For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land"? (Ez. 36:24)

*Did God really say, "I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken it and performed it," says the Lord? (Ez. 37:14)

*Did God really say, "David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd"? (Ez. 37:24)

*Did God really say, "God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew"? (Rom. 11:2)

*Did God really say, "Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable." (Rom. 11:28-29)

*Did God really say, "And so all Israel will be saved"? (Rom. 11:26)

*Did God really say, "The Deliverer will come out of Zion"? (Rom. 11:26)

POINT #4 It's a Rubber meets the road moment: the test is not so much about ISRAEL- it is first whether we'll pass the test "Has God really said?"

POINT #5 "Don't dry off" - walk in the fear of God - the Holy Spirit is upon you –seeking to work through you!