

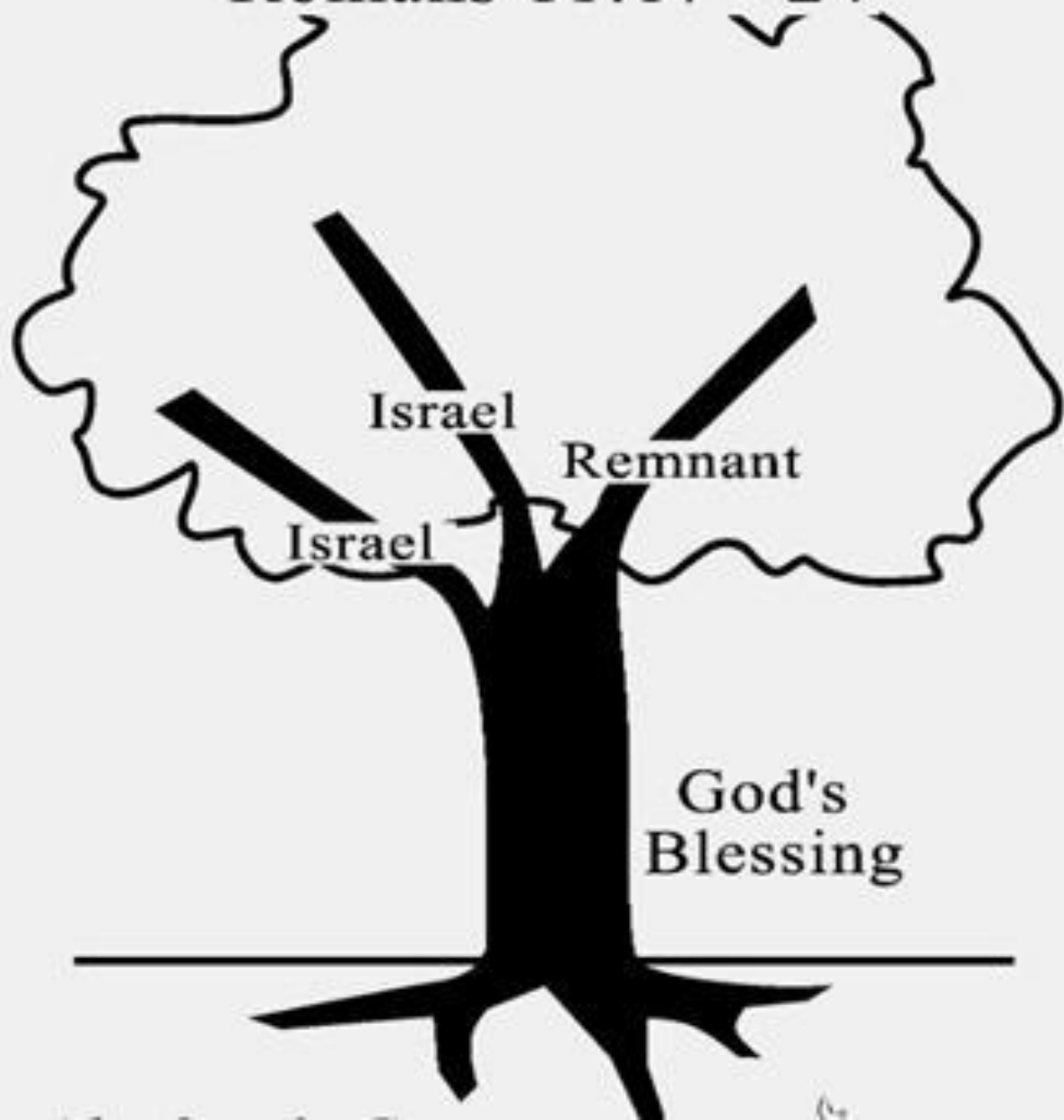
Is God Through With Israel? *NO!*

Romans 11: 28-36

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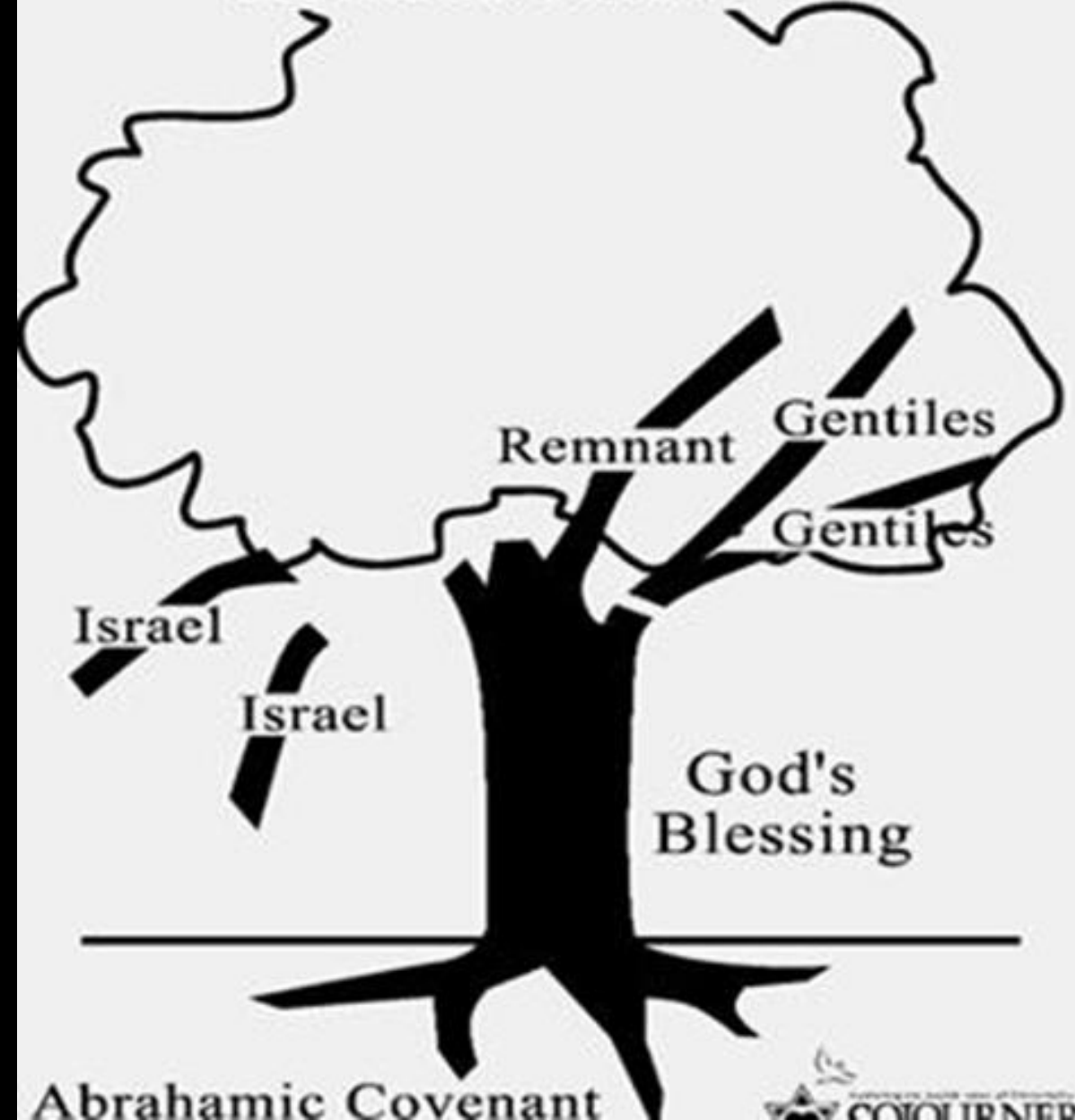
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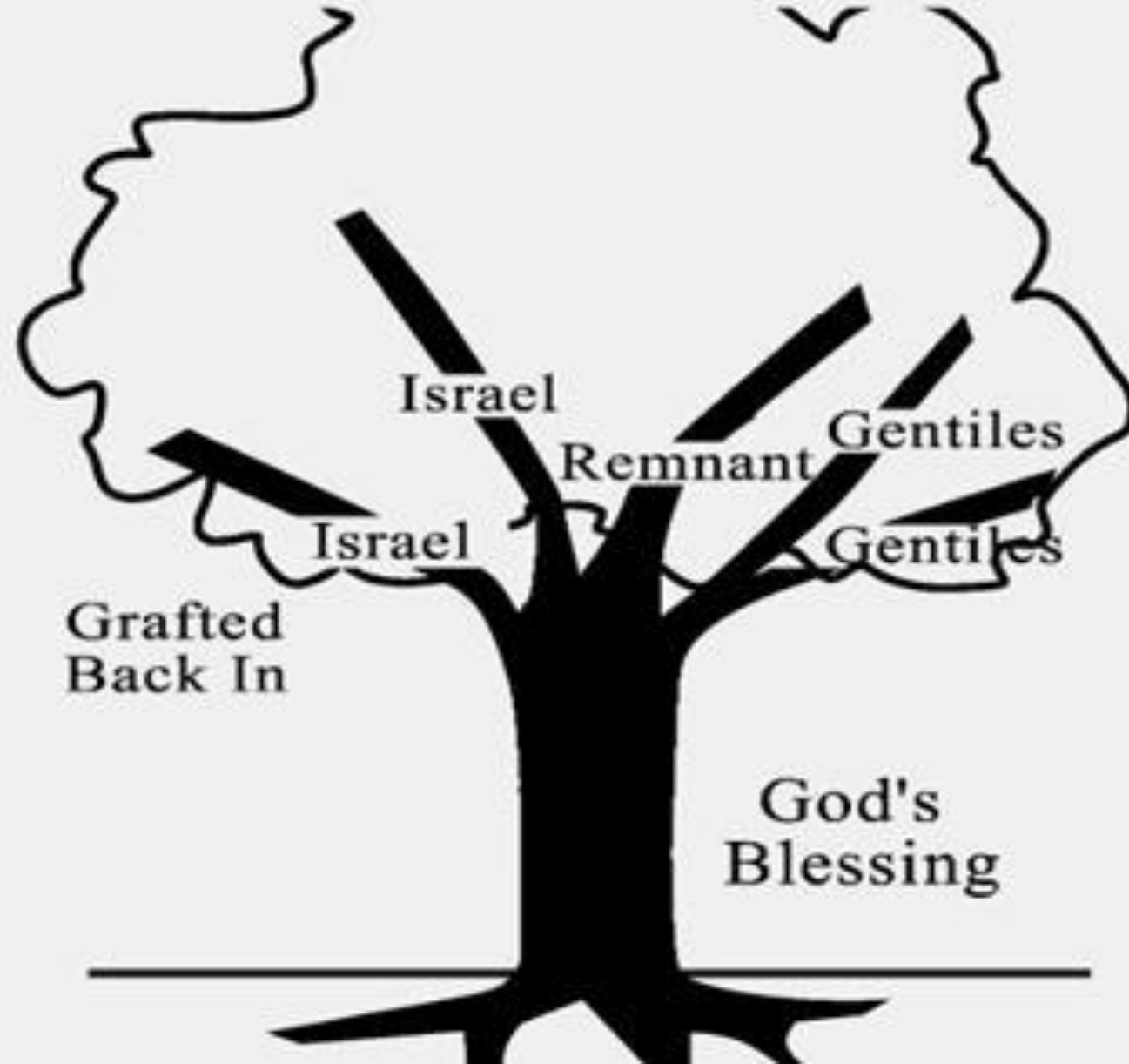
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Abrahamic Covenant

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Biblical Covenant

“A covenant is an unchangeable, divinely imposed legal agreement between God and man that stipulates the conditions of their relationship”

Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology p.515

The 8 Biblical Covenants



The Unconditional Covenants that God made with Israel

1. they are **literal** covenants and their contents must be interpreted literally as well.
2. they are **eternal** and are not in any way restricted or altered by time.
3. because the covenants are unconditional and **totally dependent upon God** for fulfillment, **their ultimate fulfillment can be expected.**
4. these covenants were made with a specific people:
Israel.

Abraham

Genesis 12:1-7

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you;
²And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; ³And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed." ⁴So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.



MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

3 Reasons for the Millennium *(Mark Hitchcock)*

Realize the covenants

Reward the faithful

Renew the earth

Verse 28 - 29

Israel's election is irrevocable

God is not through with Israel;
He has not cast them off – Why?

“For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”

Only believing Jews are the true Israel
Romans 2: 28-29

Verse 30 - 32

God's mercy is available to all

Mercy = to have pity; to be compassionate; not getting what I deserve

God's mercies are overwhelming – **Lamentations 3: 22-23**

REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY *(excerpted from a literature search)*

Replacement Theology teaches that the Church has replaced Israel in God's plan

Adherents believe the Jews are no longer God's chosen people and God does not have future plans for the nation of Israel

With rejection of Messiah, all the covenantal promises belong to the Church

WRONG! NOWHERE DOES SCRIPTURE SAY THIS!

To believe that the Church has replaced Israel, and that Israel has no future in the plan of God, is to deny that God is a promise keeper

Replacement Theology denies the following:

- Everlasting doesn't mean everlasting**
- Israel doesn't mean Israel**
- Land doesn't mean land**
- Inheritance doesn't mean inheritance**

The core argument is that God made certain unconditional covenant promises and prophecies to Israel, and the New Testament does not change, cancel, spiritualize, or transcend these promises

In Chapter 11 of Romans, Paul is emphatic – *no room for mistake!*

God is NOT through with Israel!

The Church has NOT replaced Israel!!

Verse 33 - 36

CLOSING: Oh, the depth of the wisdom
and knowledge of God!

Referring to verses 1-32, Paul lets out a burst of praise for God's future plans for Israel

Who has known the mind of the LORD? *NO ONE!*

Who has been His counselor? *NO ONE!*

Who does God owe anything? *NO ONE!*



**"My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.
"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."**

- Isaiah 55:8-9 -

How can I relate to a being that is incomprehensible?

What is our Incomprehensible God like? John 14: 8-9

Jesus is the image of the invisible God – Colossians 1: 15

Image = “*eikon*” = an artistic representation as one might see on a coin or statue

“*Eikon*” can also refer to a visible manifestation of an invisible and heavenly reality form

As used in Colossians, “*eikon*” speaks of an embodiment or living manifestation of God

Chapter 11 is about God NOT being through with Israel;
the Church has NOT replaced Israel

This is Paul's doxology – ***ALL GLORY TO GOD!***

This screams the Sovereignty of God in the preservation
of Israel –

GOD SUPREME! GOD ALMIGHTY!!

GOD ,
INCOMPREHENSIBLE,
IS NOT THROUGH
WITH ISRAEL!!

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?” For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.