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### **Also from this Author**

The first two books of the so-called OKELLO TRILOGY, prior to the third and present book, "*The Royal Deal: Making the Case for the One Everlasting Church*" are:

BOOK ONE: “*THE REAL DEAL: Making the Case for the One True God,*” 2018. (Explaining the rise and destructive force of radical Islam and how to respond as Church); Amazon.

This book explains differences between the contents of the Bible and the Qur’an, between the God of the Bible and Allah of the Quran. Such comparison leads to the real identity of Allah with his hate for especially Jews and Christians. Many examples of explicit Muslim’s inhuman behavior substantiate the global radical-Muslim threat to destroy Jewish and Christian communities throughout the world. This book helps readers understand that there is a significant and most strenuous spiritual battle going on. This spiritual battle is reflected in the hearts and minds of men and women today. This book also suggests how Christians need to be united in a biblical response to the growing threat of militant Islam to bring the entire world under the rule of Sharia law and worship of Islam’s Allah. Published 2018.

BOOK TWO: “*THE RIGHT DEAL: Making the Case for a More Respectful Society,* 2020. (Explaining the rise and destructive force of radical Liberalism and how to respond as State and Church); Amazon.

This book explains the alarming and developing influence from radical-liberal ideology on political, social and spiritual matters in the US and Canada. In Canada, various political parties oppose long-existing Judeo-Christian values, norms and principles. In the US, the Far Left shows similar disrespect for the same long-held values, norms and principles. The history of radical liberalism reveals the immense human suffering it has already caused in the world. We may expect that today’s radical liberals, in Canada and the US, are leading our long-enjoyed

freedoms and democracy along a slippery slope towards a new socio-political situation, in which there are no moral absolutes. This book seeks ways to protect and to show respect for all human beings. This book hopes to reach more and more Christians who need to “wake up” to the reality of today’s anti-Christ revolution.

BOOK THREE: *“THE ROYAL DEAL: Making the Case for the One Everlasting Church.* Hopefully, this book will be published near the end of 2023.

Note: With this third book, the “3. R. DEAL” TRILOGY is finished. A more informal title of this trilogy is the “OKELLO”<sup>1</sup> Trilogy. In adding I wish to comment that one who reads the meaning of the name OKELLO would agree that this name suits our Lord Jesus Christ more than anyone else!

Apart from this trilogy another book has been written, entitled, *“THE RAINBOW LETTERS: Immorality: The Church’s Achilles Heel”* (May 2022).

This book has been written prior to BOOK THREE, as it became clear how the issue of sexual immorality began to have a serious impact on churches of various denominations.

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<sup>1</sup> OKELLO is an African name given to me during my 3-months periods during 9 consecutive years at a Christian university in Northern Uganda. The name OKELLO means ‘**He who brings fortune.**’



## FOREWORD

### **Exploring God's Word, the Bible, concerning Developments leading up to The Final, Second Coming of Jesus Christ.**

Our world is beginning to feel the growing influence of Satan's power at work through the many demonic strongholds, as understood by many Christians. We should not forget that in the overall spectrum of world events, it is the destructive influence of Satan on especially politicians and Christian communities throughout the world. It is actually the destruction of the many local churches that Satan is attacking, as we have seen in Western Europe during the 1970s-1990s, and presently in North America as well. At the present time, we have that spiritual battle around the issue of immorality.

During the early years of 1900, a little more than hundred years ago, Dr. Abraham Kuyper, being a pastor before becoming a politician, and eventually gained the office of Prime Minister for four years, clearly understood the terrific danger of Pantheism within the context of Europe, as it was rapidly approaching the Netherlands (Holland). In efforts to stop this destructive power overtaking Holland he wanted the principle, called 'Sphere Sovereignty,' applied through the sphere of politics. I have elaborated on that matter in my book, *THE RIGHT DEAL: Making the Case for a More Respectful Society* (Amazon). This principle, among other things, guarantees 'free speech' and the rights of fortitude for religious groups within a democratic society.

That freedom and right can (and will) only be applied and being effective within a so called '*open*' secular society. That's a situation we have enjoyed in Canada for a long time. Due to

actions of our present Liberal government, we have descended into a 'radical' secular society in which only one voice is allowed to be heard and to be taken seriously. The present, relevant question is 'how' to realize a return to that previous 'open' secular society. First of all, we need to pray for wisdom and God's interference. After all, it is God who determines the future, and wants us Christians, to be involved in His ministry work.

Next to speaking of political events in our own and neighboring countries, as well as future events such as so-called end-time events in human history, we do well to look at the nation Israel, a special, peculiar country located in the Middle East. This country was supposed to be non-existent following her destruction by the Roman Empire around AD 70. However, Israel was unexpectedly, but still officially, 'reborn' in 1948. Not only that, we learn also from the Bible that Israel will play a role now and in future years.

Before we turn to the subject of Israel in Chapter Two, we will gain some insights in the development of the so-called Replacement Theology, Chapter One. This Chapter will discuss the notion that certain denominations have replaced Israel following the events of AD 70. This would mean that the Church has become the holder of the so-called New Covenant. We will look briefly at the history of Replacement Theology, and some serious misgivings concerning the place and disappearance of Israel during the last 2000 years.

In Chapter Two, we will look at Israel's sufferings, while many Israelites lived and still live in world-wide 'captivity.' This overview of world-wide suffering will also include her

unexpected and surprising restoration in the Middle East. On biblical grounds, we will hear about Israel as a future, restored nation in the Middle East, and her place in future developments.

This attention for Israel grew through much personal study during the last number of years. It became apparent that the place of Israel in the world has been and will remain quite significantly, as she continues to receive much attention in world news. Thereby comes the fact that no other ‘people’ have suffered as much as the Jewish people. The 60 million Jews killed during WW II presents that terrible fact. The still ongoing denial of many nations of their rightful, God-given place in the Middle East, is a clear sign of their rejection of Israel’s presence in the Middle East.

Born at the beginning of WW II in the Netherlands, I learned from my parents that we had a Jewish family as our neighbours during the war years of WWII. Many years after the end of this horrible war in 1945, I also learned that my dad had helped our Jewish neighbors going underground. That also meant that my dad had to go underground as well, as he knew where our Jewish neighbors were hidden. That knowledge, and knowing my Jewish neighbours after the war, gave me a special spot for the Jewish people.

Chapter Three informs us about Satan’s success in leading so many people, including many Christians, live sexual immoral lifestyles. These fast-spreading immoral lifestyles began in Europe many years earlier. This is now also the case in North America. Satan’s involvement in the so called affluent Western world has also begun making serious inroads within many

churches to create havoc, splits and the final closing of church doors, which is Satan's ultimate goal as it already happened in Western Europe.

Chapters Four to Nine are focussed on events concerning present and future developments. The intent is that the contents of those chapters may lead to a better understanding of what the Bible speaks concerning present and future developments in the world. The goal of this book is to see what and how present and future developments could lead to the time the Lord Jesus Christ will return, together with His Church, to a completely renewed earth.

Words and thoughts expressed in this book could make you wonder in how far they are correct. Well, join my journey in grasping a better understanding of the many future developments in the world, including the Middle East. It is that part of the world that is prominent in the Old Testament and certainly will be in the future, leading eventually towards the final return of our Lord Jesus Christ together with His Bride, the Church.

As reader you will notice that many Bible verses have been written out. One reason for writing out these Bible verses is to accommodate the reader, to save time to look them up in your Bible. Another reason is to enhance the fact that the Bible is the foundation of thinking and living as Christians who are in touch with their Lord Jesus Christ. It takes spiritual maturity to deal with and take a firm stand against strong, even growing God-opposing forces in the world around us in the present post-Christian era we live in.

For Christians, God’s word is the one solid foundation for living God-pleasing lives. This is certainly true in discerning how to deal with serious matters and power-driven forces we are presently facing concerning sexual immorality. Satan uses this important, Bible-opposing issue to attack churches and thus Christian families.

More on this in Chapter Three.

The first two chapters are the result of my personal wrestling with and studies over the issue of Israel, as the latter has not been part of discussions and teachings in the denomination, I grew up in. It was only during the last seven years that it began to dawn on me that Israel is playing again an important part in our present end-time period in this warped and dangerous world.

Before reading this book, I would like to share with you the following words of wisdom written by Martin Luther to a friend of the Reformation:

We cannot attain to the understanding of Scripture either by study or by the intellect. Your first duty is to begin by prayer. Entreat the Lord to grant you, of His great mercy, the true understanding of His Word. There is no other interpreter of the word of God than the Author of this word, as He Himself has said, ‘They shall be all taught of God.’ Hope for nothing from your own labors, from your own understanding: trust solely in God, and in the influence of His Spirit. Believe this on the word of a man who has had experience.” —*Ibid.*, b. 3, ch.7.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> E.G. White, *THE GREAT CONTROVERSY: Celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great Protestant Reformation*, Remnant Publications, Inc., 2017.

The above words of advice from Luther to his friend hundreds of years ago are still valid in our time. Eventually, the Lord will return, and we all may long to experience that day being realized, and our eternal lives will enter a marvelous, everlasting time together with our Lord Jesus Christ as His Bride, a time impossible to understand, let alone put into words.

Finally, we may listen to the following words from Dietrich Bonhoeffer who once said,

Seek God, not happiness--this is the fundamental rule of all meditation. If you seek God alone, you will gain happiness: that is its promise.”



# CHAPTER ONE

## ASPECTS OF REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY

### Origin of Replacement Theology

Paul Scharf (Comments, Sept. 24, 2021), a Church Ministries Representative in Columbus, Wisconsin, explains the beginning of Replacement Theology by referring to Vlach who suggested that the idea of Replacement Theology started with Origen of Alexandria (185–254), while acknowledging that it was actually “Justin Martyr who became the first person to explicitly identify the church as ‘the true spiritual Israel.’”<sup>3</sup>

Horner offers the following overview of the earliest centuries of church history:

...following years of development, it was eventually believed that Israel had been replaced or superseded.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Barry E. Horner, *Future Israel: Why Christian Anti-Judaism Must Be Challenged* (Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2007), p. 19.)

Speaking also of Justin Martyr, Horner states:

... for the first time in extant literature, the church was plainly described as the new spiritual Israel, as well as the new custodian of Scripture.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*)

In Origen’s understanding, the only positive function of physical Israel is that of being a type of spiritual Israel. Diprose then delivers the following synopsis, taking us up to Origen:

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<sup>3</sup>Vlach, p. 190. Larry D. Pettegrew concurs with this conclusion regarding Justin Martyr. See “The Curious Case of the Church Fathers and Israel,” in *Forsaking Israel: How It Happened and Why It Matters*, ed. Larry D. Pettegrew (The Woodlands, TX: Kress Biblical Resources, 2020), p. 32).



An attitude of contempt toward Israel had become the rule by Origen's time.... In Origen's understanding, the only positive function of physical Israel is that of being a type of spiritual Israel. The promises were not made to physical Israel because she was unworthy of them and incapable of understanding them. Thus, Origen effectively disinherits physical Israel.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>(8)</sup> Diprose, p. 84)

According to Diprose, Origen "considers" "the Church ... to be the true Israel."<sup>9</sup> Diprose sums up as follows:

Origen's contribution to replacement theology is particularly incisive, because of his exegetical prowess and because he was the first Christian writer to attempt making a complete statement of the Christian faith.... Thus, for churchmen who read his commentaries and homilies during subsequent centuries, the idea that true Israel had always been the Church appeared to be something taught by the Bible itself.<sup>10</sup>

Diprose, (p. 87)

This stream of thinking persisted until the days of Augustine in the fourth and fifth centuries.

And what was it exactly that Augustine believed and taught? Burggraff explains:

Not only did he reject a literal one-thousand-year kingdom on the earth after the Second Coming, he, like the church fathers before him, erased national Israel from prophecy.<sup>13</sup>

<sup>(13)</sup> Burggraff, p. 71)

Regarding the beginning of Replacement Theology, Vlach suggests that it commenced officially "in the middle of the second century AD," when "Justin Martyr became the first person to explicitly identify the church as 'the true spiritual Israel.'"<sup>4</sup>

<sup>(4)</sup> Vlach, p. 190. Larry D. Pettegrew concurs with this conclusion regarding

Justin Martyr. See “The Curious Case of the Church Fathers and Israel,” in *Forsaking Israel: How It Happened and Why It Matters*, ed. Larry D. Pettegrew (The Woodlands, TX: Kress Biblical Resources, 2020), p. 32).

## **Essentials of Replacement Theology**

As an introduction to the important subject of Replacement theology we may take note of the following conversation on Replacement theology by Rev. Malcolm Hedding, the former Executive Director of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem.

Replacement theology rests chiefly on the idea that the whole, or part of the Abrahamic Covenant, has been abolished, for it is this Covenant that promises to Israel eternal ownership of the land of Canaan according to Genesis 17:7-8. We may listen to that Bible passage (see next page 26),

*“I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”*

Gen. 17:7-8.

Replacement Theology concludes that this ‘promise’ has been removed, and that the present-day restoration of Israel means nothing, as now her only hope is in the Church. Now it must be made clear that we believe that only in Christ Jesus can there be salvation for Jews and Gentiles alike (Romans 1: 16-17)

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<sup>4</sup> Vlach, p. 190. Larry D. Pettegrew concurs with this conclusion regarding Justin Martyr. See “The Curious Case of the Church Fathers and Israel,” in *Forsaking Israel: How It Happened and Why It Matters*, ed. Larry D. Pettegrew (The Woodlands, TX: Kress Biblical Resources, 2020), p. 32).