

## **JEWISH THEOLOGIAN DR. STEVE WOHLBERG EXPOSES MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH**

### **Confusion**

There is confusion about the Church and Israel, between Christians among themselves, and between Christians and Jews. Fortunately, Scripture points a way to overcome that confusion. The unifying centre of the Bible is Christ, and His good message is directed toward the world, toward all nations, toward all people.

The American Jewish-Christian theologian Dr. Steve Wohlberg wants to make that clear to us. Thus, he rises above certain debatable teachings within the denomination of the Seventh-day Adventists, to which he belongs. He is in line with the simple Christocentric and universal teaching of the Bible, which has been proclaimed by Christians of all times and all places.

Wohlberg poignantly questions the idea that today's post-biblical Israel, or the Jewish people, defined as the specific 'people of God', has a unique place and a special future in God's plan of salvation, and would therefore have an exceptional, unbreakable relationship with the Church.

This popular view has far-reaching theological and political consequences. But is it also Biblical? Dr. Wohlberg discusses this question and some related issues in the following Bible lectures. They are divided into two series: 'Israel in Prophecy' and 'Misconceptions about the End Time'.

The lectures last about an hour. Do not worry about the Dutch subtitles. Below the links of the first series we have indicated the Bible passages used by Wohlberg. These passages can be read in advance if desired.

### **Israel in Prophecy**

#### 1. 'Two Kinds of Israel'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjQQy7uKNho>

Proverbs 2:6; 1 Corinthians 2:14, 15; John 2:8, 21; 3:3, 4, 6; 4:10,11; 6:54 (52), 63; Revelation 1:1; 1 Corinthians 10:18; Romans 8:5; 9:1, 3, 6, 8 (vgl. Matthew 7: 24-27; Isaya 41:8); Galatians 3:14, 29 (cf. Isaya 41:8); 6: 14-16).

#### 2. 'Israel and Jesus Christ'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vy6yyz4guXc>

Jesaja 9:6; Genesis 32:28 (Israel = Prince of God); Exodus 1:1-5; 4:22; Psalm 80: 9 (vine) Jesaja 49:3 (Servant); 42:1-3 (Servant); 41:8 (Seed of Abraham); Hosea 11:1 (Israel, My son, Egypt); Matthew 1:1 (Son of Abraham); 2:1 ff; 2:13,

14; 2:15 (cf. Hosea 11:1); 1 Corinthians 10:1, 2; Matthew 3: 13-16; 41 (40 days, cf. 40 years); 4: 4, 7, 10 'written' (cf. Deuteronomy); 5: 18-22, 27, 28; 12: 15-20 (cf. Isaya 42:1-3; 49:3; Hosea 11:1); 26: 27, 28; John 15:1 (vine); Galatians 3: 16 (cf. seed in Isaya 41:8); 3: 29 (idem); Revelation 16:14 (Armageddon; 19:19; 17: 13, 14).

### 3. 'Seven Years of Tribulation'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLnnVpaxDrg&list=PLxqtf778JIPsKLonwp5TxqLsabBe64Hdu&index=7>

Daniel 9:24-27 (nucleus pericope); 9:24 (70 weeks = 70 years, see 9:2); Ezekiel 4:6 (week = year; 490 years); Daniel 9:25 (begins in 457 BC with Arthaxerxes); Matthew 3:13-17 (baptism of Jesus); Mark 1:15 (fulfilled); Romans 15:8; Matthew 26:28 ('new covenant', see 27:51); Daniel 9:27 ('desolation', see: Matthew 23:38); Acts 7,9,10 (Gospel to the heathen); Matthew 18:21,22 (70x7 = 490 times forgiven, see 26:28); hardships in the end times (Acts 14:22; 2 Thessalonians 1:4; Revelation 1:9; Daniël 12; Revelation 7); Psalm, 91: 14-16.

### 4. 'Great Truths About the Temple'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gO9dMfE5LM&list=PLxqtf778JIPsKLonwp5TxqLsabBe64Hdu&index=6>

Matthew 23:38; 24:1, 2, 15, 16, 17; Luke 21:20-22; Daniel 9:27 (cf. Matthew 26:28; 27:51; Hebrews 10:12; 9:1; 8:13); 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:2, ekklesia; 3:16, naos); Revelation 1:12, 20 (cf. Hebrews 8:1); 4:1, 5; 8:3, 5; 11:19; 16:16-19 (heavenly temple); 18:4.

### 5. 'Israel, Babylon, and Armageddon'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KqEYgLP4AY&list=PLxqtf778JIPsKLonwp5TxqLsabBe64Hdu&index=8>

Revelation 1:1 (of Jesus); 2:20 (Jezebel = false prophecy in the Church); 11:8 (spiritually understood); 11:19 (heavenly temple); 14:1 (Lamb, Zion, 144.000, vgl. 7:4); Hebrews 1:22, 23 (heavenly Jerusalem, cf. Revelation 21:10); Revelation 16:12, 16 (Armageddon = mount of slaughter, vgl. Jeremiah 51:63, 64, Babylon = confusion); Isaya 47:1; 46:11; 44:27, 28; 45:1; 44: 27, 28 (Cyrus = shepherd); 45:1 (Cyrus = annointed one); Jeremiah 51:5-8 ( Babylon), 13, 25 (Babylon = burning mountain), 36, 37, 45, 43; Revelation 17:1 (Babylon the prostitute), 3 (in the Spirit), 4, 5 (mystery), 15 (Euphrates = waters = peoples, multitudes, nations, languages); Revelation 16: 12 (Euphrates dry, by Cyrus from the east, cf. Matthew 24: 27); 16:13, 14 (three frogs = false prophecies = spirits of demons), 15 (as a thief), 16 (Armageddon), 17 (voice from the

heavenly temple), 18, 19 (Babylon splits in three parts, cf. Jeremiah 51:24, 25), 20; Revelation 18:1-4; 22:16, 17.

### **Misconceptions about the End Time**

In his second series of lectures at You Tube, Dr. Wohlberg tests some common views about the end times. The four lectures were also published as four chapters in this book:

Steve Wohlberg, *End Time Delusions: The Rapture, the Antichrist, Israel, and the End of the World*, White Horse Media, March 27, 2013.

<https://www.amazon.com/End-Time-Delusions-Steve-Wohlberg/dp/0768429609>

Here are the links to the 4 videos. Do not worry about Dutch titles and subtitles:

-‘The Rapture’, Misleidingen over de opname / Misleidingen in de Eindtijd - Steve Wohlberg (1/4) - YouTube;

-‘The Tribulation’, Misleidingen over de verdrukking / Misleidingen in de Eindtijd - Steve Wohlberg (2/4) - YouTube;

-‘The Anti-Christ’, Misleidingen over de antichrist / Misleidingen in de Eindtijd - Steve Wohlberg (3/4) - YouTube;

-‘Israel’, Misleidingen over Israël / Misleidingen in de Eindtijd - Steve Wohlberg (4/4) - YouTube

