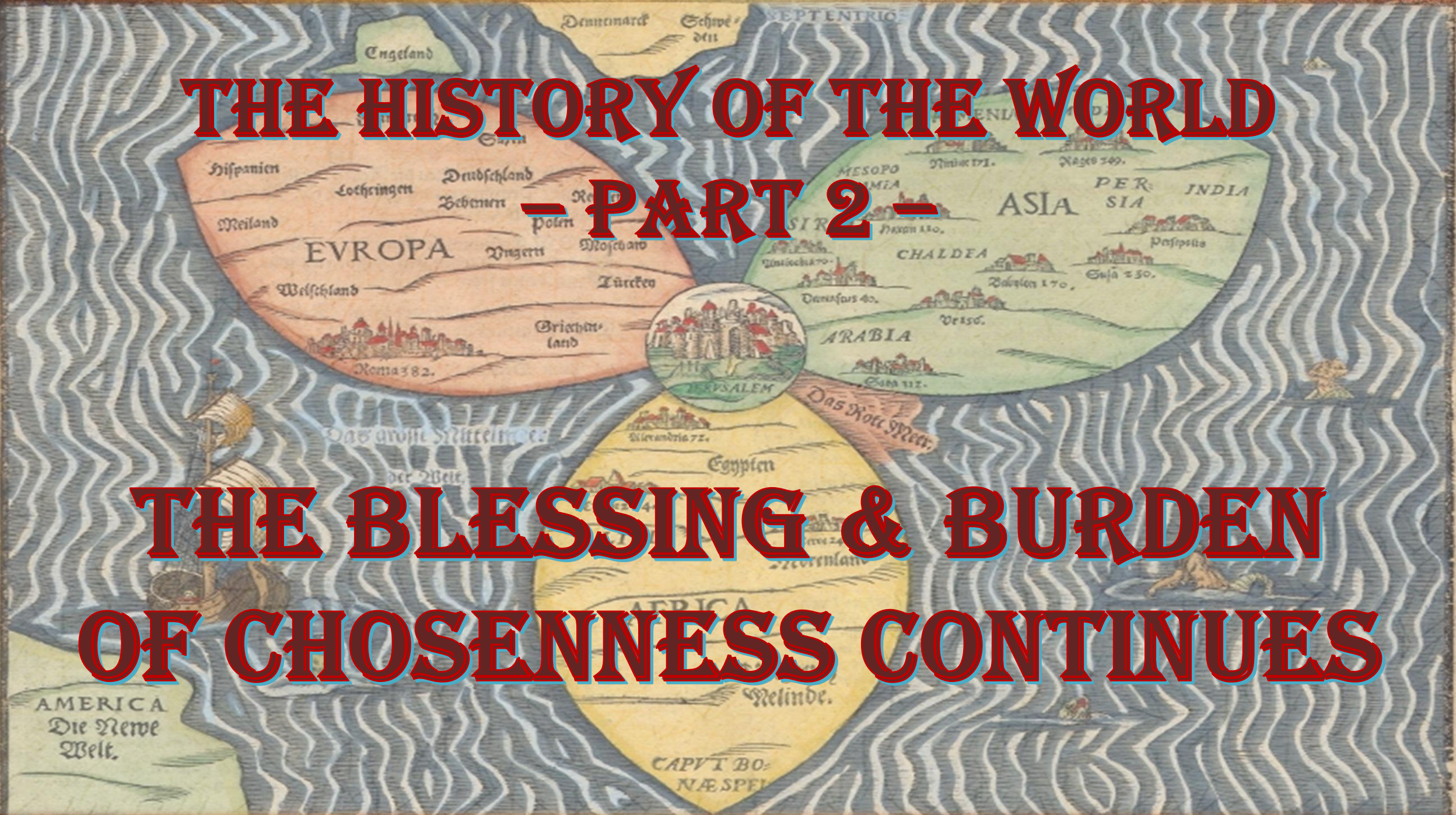


THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD - PART 2 -

THE BLESSING & BURDEN OF CHOSENNESS CONTINUES



Karl Barth



One of the most important theologians of the 20th century, the respected Karl Barth, is credited with the following quote:

“The question that most determines the future of the Church and how it operates **will be determined by its relationship with Israel.**”

The Blessing & Burden of Chosenness



BLESSING [noun]: a gift of divine favor or the act of bestowing it

BURDEN [noun]: something that is carried; a duty or responsibility

CHOSENNESS [noun]: the quality of being chosen

The Chosen Ones



- Adam and Eve
- Noah through his Son, Shem

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The Blessing

7 “I am establishing my covenant between me and you,
**ALONG WITH YOUR DESCENDANTS AFTER YOU,
GENERATION AFTER GENERATION, AS AN
EVERLASTING COVENANT** to be God for you and for
your descendants after you. [Genesis 17]

וְבִין זֶרַעְךָ אֶתְּרִידָה לְדֹרֹתָם לְבְרִית עוֹלָם

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The Blessing

8 I will give you **AND YOUR DESCENDANTS** after you **the land** in which you are now foreigners, all the land of Kena'an, **AS A PERMANENT POSSESSION**; and **I WILL BE THEIR GOD**.”

[Genesis 17]

The Chosen Ones



- Adam and Eve
- Noah through Shem after the flood

Abraham and Sarah
through Isaac and Jacob [Israel]...
...and all their descendants,
generation after generation

AN EVERLASTING [ETERNAL] COVENANT

– לְדֹרֹתָם לְבְרִית עוֹלָם –

The Chosen Ones



Isaiah 51

1 “Listen to me, you pursuers of justice, you who seek Adonai:

**consider the rock from which you were cut,
the quarry from which you were dug —**

2 CONSIDER AVRAHAM YOUR FATHER

AND SARAH, WHO GAVE BIRTH TO YOU;

IN THAT I CALLED HIM WHEN HE WAS ONLY ONE PERSON,

THEN BLESSED HIM AND MADE HIM MANY.

3 For Adonai will comfort Tziyon, will comfort all her ruined places,
will make her desert like ‘Eden, her ‘Aravah like the garden of
Adonai. Joy and gladness will be there, thanksgiving and the sound
of music.

The Chosen Ones



Isaiah 51

21 Therefore, please hear this in your affliction,
you who are drunk, but not with wine;

22 this is what your Lord Adonai says,
your God, who defends his people:

“Here, I have removed from your hand
the cup of drunkenness,
the goblet of my fury.

You will never drink it again.

23 I will put it in the hands of your tormentors,
who said to you, ‘Bend down, so we can trample you,’
and you flattened your back on the ground
like a street for them to walk on.”

The Blessing and the Burden of Chosenness



[The Blessing]

(1) God, be gracious to us, and bless us. May he make his face shine toward us, (Selah)

[The Burden]

(2) **SO THAT YOUR WAY MAY BE KNOWN
ON EARTH, YOUR SALVATION AMONG
ALL NATIONS.**

[Psalm 67]

The Burden of Israel



A Blessing to the Rebellious Nations

11 “In that case, I say, isn’t it that they have stumbled with the result that they have permanently fallen away?”

Heaven forbid! Quite the contrary, **IT IS BY MEANS OF THEIR STUMBLING THAT THE DELIVERANCE HAS COME TO THE GENTILES,** in order to provoke them to jealousy. [Romans 11]

The Burden of Israel

A Blessing to the Rebellious Nations



12 Moreover, if their stumbling is bringing riches to the world — that is, if Isra'el's being **placed temporarily in a condition less favored** than that of the Gentiles is bringing riches to the latter — **HOW MUCH GREATER RICHES WILL ISRA'EL IN ITS FULLNESS BRING THEM!**

[Romans 11]

The Burden of Israel



A Blessing to the Rebellious Nations

13 However, to those of you who are Gentiles I say this: since I myself am an emissary sent to the Gentiles, I make known the importance of my work 14 in the hope that somehow, I may provoke some of my own people to jealousy and save some of them! 15 **FOR IF THEIR CASTING YESHUA ASIDE MEANS RECONCILIATION FOR THE WORLD**, what will their accepting him mean? It will be life from the dead! [Romans 11]

Chosenness Extended To The Nations



11 Therefore, remember your former state: you Gentiles by birth — called the Uncircumcised by those who, merely because of an operation on their flesh, are called the Circumcised — 12 at that time had no Messiah. **You were estranged FROM THE NATIONAL LIFE OF ISRA'EL.** You were foreigners to **THE COVENANTS EMBODYING GOD'S PROMISE.** You were in this world **without hope and without God.** [Ephesians 2]

Choseness Extended To The Nations



13 But now, you who were once far off **have been brought near through the shedding of the Messiah's blood.** 14 For he himself is our shalom — **HE HAS MADE US BOTH ONE** and has broken down the m'chitzah which divided us
[Ephesians 2]

Choseness Extended To The Nations



15 by destroying in his own body the enmity occasioned by the Torah, with its commands set forth in the form of ordinances. He did this in order to create in union with himself **FROM THE TWO GROUPS A SINGLE NEW HUMANITY** and thus make shalom... [Ephesians 2]

Chosenness Of The Nations



16 and in order to reconcile to God both in a single body by being executed on a stake as a criminal and thus **in himself killing that enmity**. 17 Also, when he came, he announced as Good News shalom to you far off and shalom to those nearby, 18 news that **through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father**. [Ephesians 2]

Chosenness Of The Nations



19 So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers. On the contrary, **YOU ARE FELLOW-CITIZENS WITH GOD'S PEOPLE AND MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY**. 20 You have been built on the foundation of the emissaries and the prophets, with the cornerstone being Yeshua the Messiah himself. [Ephesians 2]

The Burden Of The Grafted In



16 Now if the hallah offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole loaf. And if the root is holy, so are the branches. 17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you — a wild olive — were grafted in among them **and have become EQUAL SHARERS in the rich root of the olive tree, 18 then DON'T BOAST AS IF YOU WERE BETTER THAN THE BRANCHES!** However, if you do boast, remember that you are not supporting the root, the root is supporting you. [Romans 11]

The Burden Of The Grafted In



19 So you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” 20 True, but so what? They were broken off because of their lack of trust. However, you keep your place only because of your trust. **So don't be arrogant; on the contrary, BE TERRIFIED!** [Romans 11]

The Burden Of The Grafted In



21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, he certainly won't spare you! 22 So take a good look at God's kindness and his severity: on the one hand, severity toward those who fell off; but, on the other hand, God's kindness toward you — **PROVIDED YOU MAINTAIN YOURSELF IN THAT KINDNESS! OTHERWISE, YOU TOO WILL BE CUT OFF!**

[Romans 11]

The Burden Of The Grafted In



23 Moreover, the others, if they do not persist in their lack of trust, will be grafted in; because God is able to graft them back in. 24 For if you were cut out of what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree!

[Romans 11]

The Burden Of The Grafted In



25 For, brothers, I want you to understand this truth which God formerly concealed but has now revealed, **SO**

THAT YOU WON'T IMAGINE YOU KNOW MORE THAN YOU ACTUALLY DO. It is that stoniness, to a

degree, has come upon Isra'el, **UNTIL THE**

GENTILE WORLD ENTERS IN ITS

FULLNESS;

[Romans 11]

The Burden of Israel

A Blessing to the Rebellious Nations



12 Moreover, if their stumbling is bringing riches to the world — that is, if Isra'el's being **placed temporarily in a condition less favored** than that of the Gentiles is bringing riches to the latter — **HOW MUCH GREATER RICHES WILL ISRA'EL IN ITS FULLNESS BRING THEM!**

[Romans 11]

FULLNESS

accomplishment, complete fulfillment

The Burden Of The Grafted In



26 and that it is **IN THIS WAY** that all Isra'el will be saved. As the Tanakh says, "Out of Tziyon will come the Redeemer;

HE WILL TURN AWAY UNGODLINESS FROM
YA'AKOV 27 and this will be my covenant with them, . .
.when I take away their sins." [Romans 11]

The Burden Of The Grafted In



28 With respect to the Good News **THEY ARE HATED**
FOR YOUR SAKE. But **WITH RESPECT TO BEING**
CHOSEN **THEY ARE LOVED FOR THE PATRIARCHS'**
SAKE, 29 for God's free gifts and his calling **ARE**
IRREVOCABLE.

[Romans 11]

The Burden Of The Grafted In



30 Just as you yourselves were disobedient to God before but have received mercy now because of Isra'el's disobedience; 31 **so also Isra'el has been disobedient now, so that by your SHOWING THEM THE SAME MERCY THAT GOD HAS SHOWN YOU, they too may now receive God's mercy.** 32 For God has shut up all mankind together in disobedience, in order that he might show mercy to all. [Romans 11]

The Burden Of The Grafted In



The Gentile “families” of the world have been blessed by the Creator as a result of the burden that was placed as a divine calling upon Israel, through which light came to the rebellious world.

Now it is the burden of the Gentiles who have been grafted into the true olive tree – the Commonwealth of Israel – to fulfill their burden by showing mercy upon Israel, being a light to them.

Matthew 5:7 "How blessed are those who show mercy! for they will be shown mercy."

The New Rebellion & The New Burden



EPHESIANS 2: His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility

