

JEWS' SINNING IS IRRELEVANT

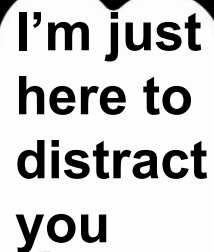
- Despite the Jews' unfaithfulness, God did not reject His people
- Whatever the Jews have done, good or bad, has no bearing on God's promise through Abraham
- This bogus claim of "the Jews killed Jesus" is a red herring; it has led to rampant anti-Semitism



THE
JEWS
KILLED
JESUS
1Thes. 2:15



YOU'RE
GOING
TO
HELL

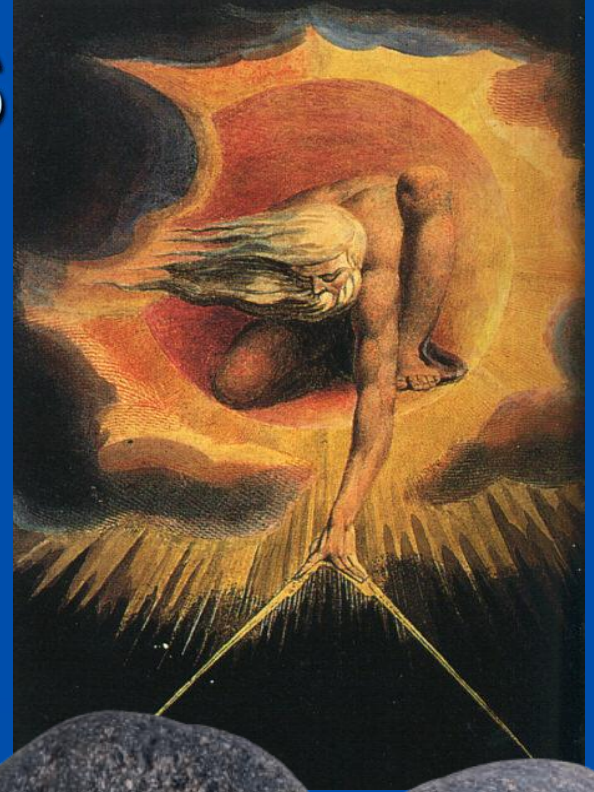


I'm just
here to
distract
you



HARDENING HEARTS

- Jews who had hearts hardened against accepting Yeshua: was partially their own choice, and partially an act of God
- Deuteronomy 29 proves that God hardening hearts is nothing new
- Isaiah prophesies that God will continue intervening
- Predestination & predetermination VS. free will and prescience
- Paul does not explain or defend this characteristic of God



COVENANT OF ABRAHAM

ISAAC

JACOB

THE CIRCLE OF SALVATION

2 houses rejoined
ALL ISRAEL SAVED!

12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL

THE LAW

2 houses of Israel split apart

JEWES BECOME JEALOUS

GENTILES TAKE THE GOSPEL TO JEWS

JEWES ACCEPT YESHUA

ISRAEL REBORN AS A NATION

FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES

JEWES TAKE THE GOSPEL TO GENTILES

MOST JEWES REJECT YESHUA

JUDAH PRODUCES THE MESSIAH

EPHRAIM EXILED TO GENTILE WORLD



PAUL SPEAKS TO GENTILES

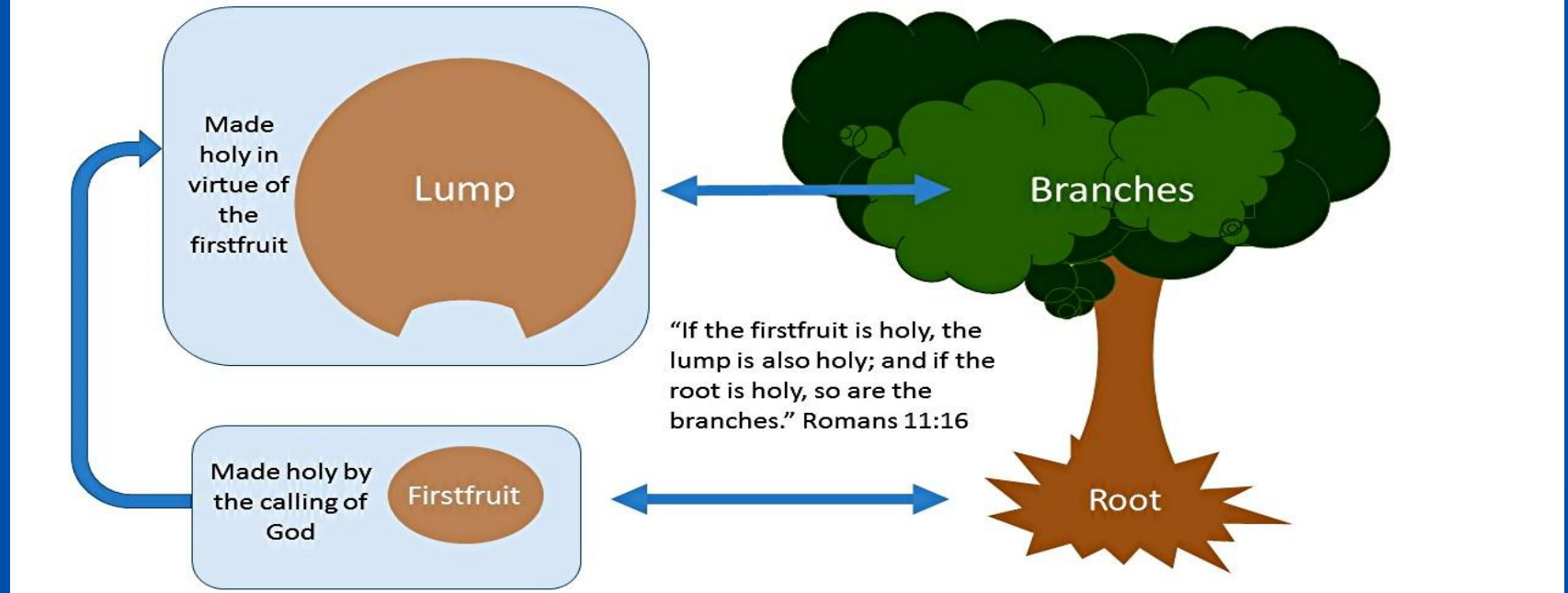


- Starting in Vs. 13 Paul turns his attention to gentiles
- God's motive for saving gentiles? So that all Israel would be saved.
- Although Paul is the Apostle to the Gentiles, he remains full a Jew
- Phil. 3:4 – 5
circumcised on 8th day,
Israelite by birth, tribe of Benjamin, speaks Hebrew, a Pharisee

THE WORLD

- Paul also hopes to provoke fellow Jews to jealousy
- For Paul, the word “the world” usually means the unsaved gentiles: pagans
- A gentile who is saved graduates from “the world” to God’s Kingdom
- John 17:1 – 18
- “The World” carries a double meaning
- 1) everyone on planet Earth
- 2) The unsaved

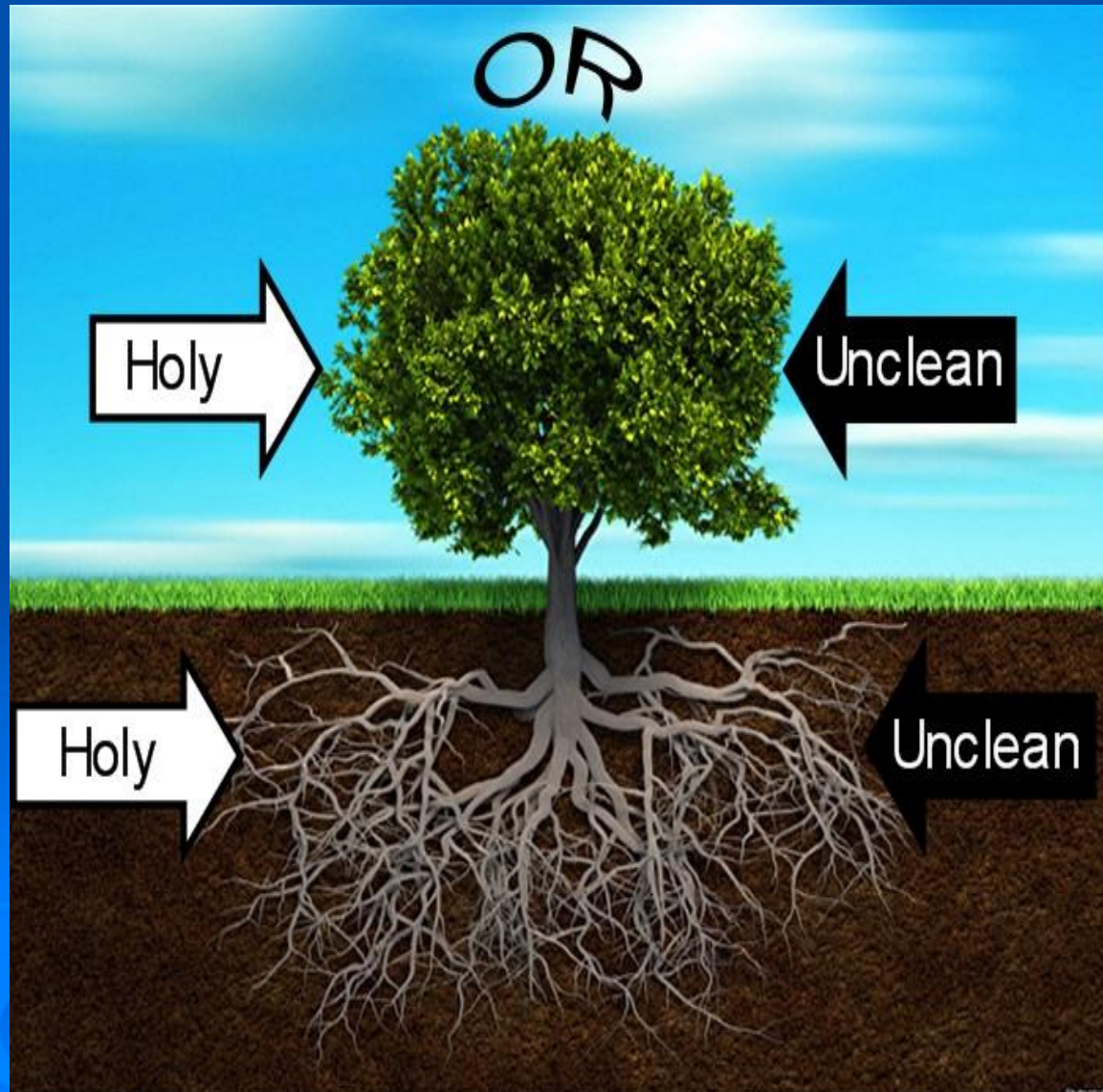




- First metaphor of “holy lump” is taken from Numbers 15:18 – 21
- Likely an issue of using terms as commonly used by Jews, and not meant to be precise
- In NT, often Passover or Matzah is used to label the entire 3 festival period of time
- In NT, “unclean” often not used technically, but rather as simply meaning something can’t be used
- In NT, “holy” also often not used technically, but rather as giving something a religious connotation or indicates an informal dedication to God

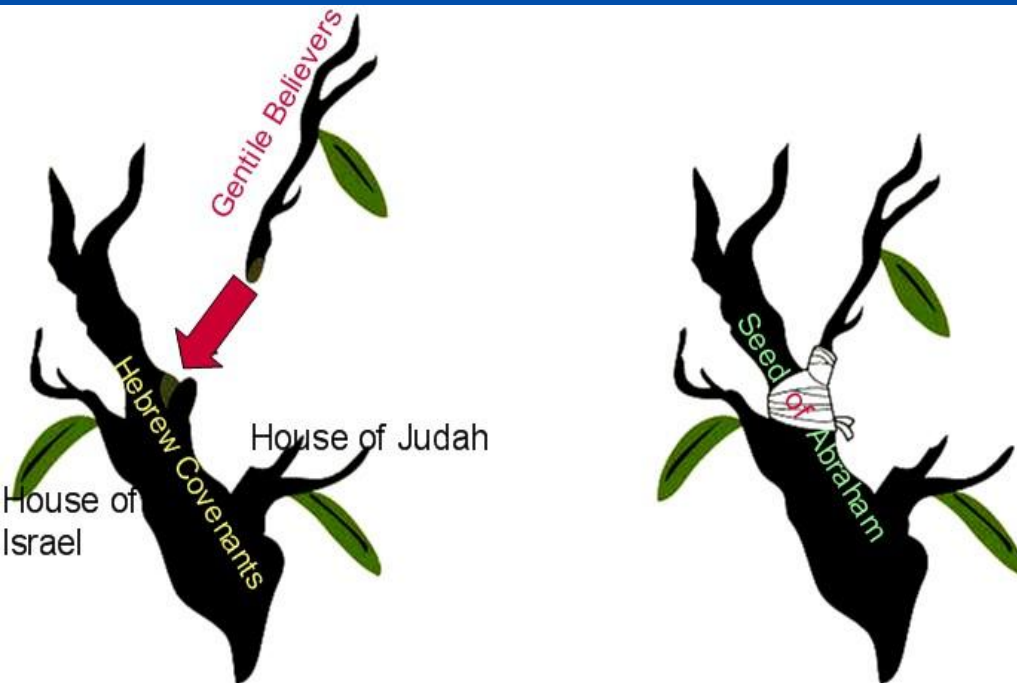
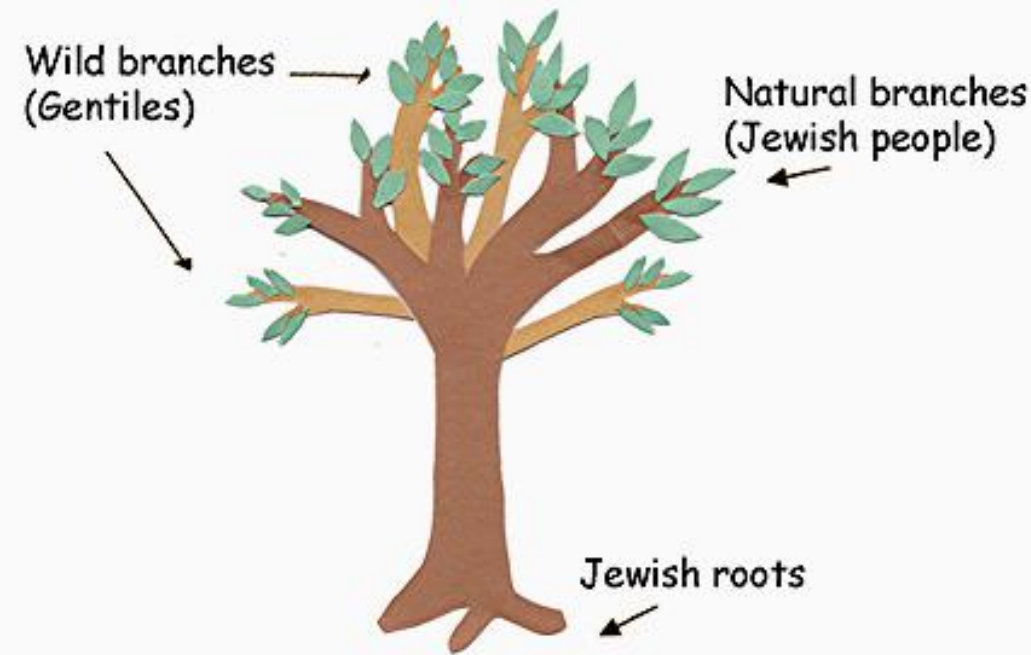
THE OLIVE TREE METAPHOR

- If roots are holy, then also are the branches
- Roots, trunk, branches are part of a whole
- Unclean roots will produce unclean branches



THE JEWISH OLIVE TREE

- Cultivated Olive Tree = Jewish people (Hebrews)
- Wild Olive = SAVED gentiles
- Wild Olive derives benefit from the cultivated olive tree
- Therefore the Wild Olive should not boast!
- Wild Olive will never be better than the cultivated olive tree



THE ROOT IS THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

- Cultivated tree branches removed due to lack of trust
- Grafted-in branches should not expect different treatment
- What makes the Patriarchs the Patriarchs is the Covenant of Abraham





“Don’t be arrogant; be terrified!”

- It is God’s gift of mercy that foreign branches were grafted-in to the natural tree
- Is the warning to Believers that if we stop trusting we’ll be removed from the tree an impossible hypothetical?
- Paul says hardened Jews CAN be grafted back in to their own tree
- Ezekiel 36:24 - 28