

The Restoration of Israel



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One of the Biggest Doctrines That Divide: Israel and the Church

- Dispensationalism vs. Covenant theology
- Pre-Millennialism vs. Amillennialism
- Pre-Trib Rapture vs. Post Trib Rapture
- Literal vs Spiritual Fulfillment of OT Promises To Israel

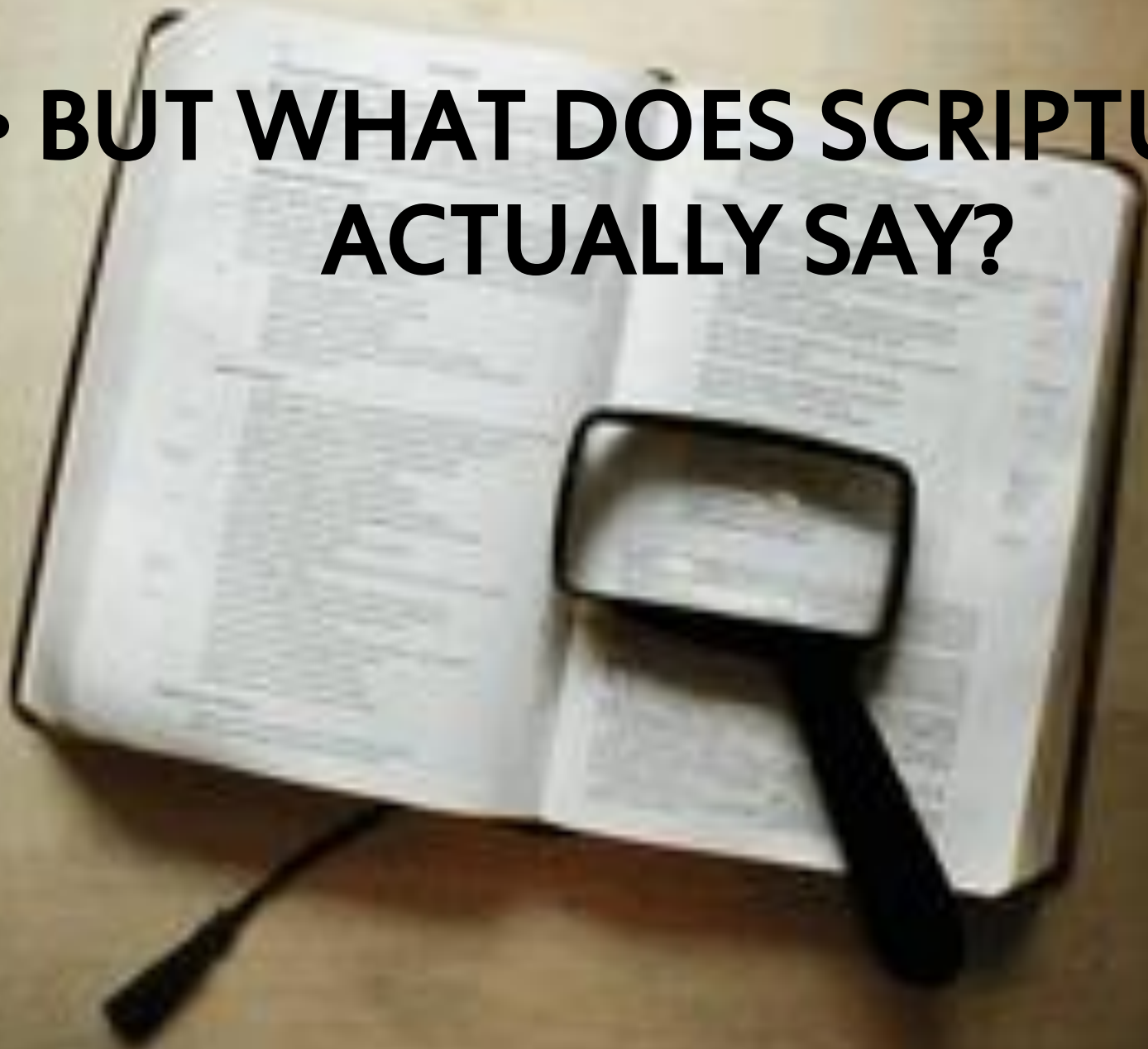
The Whole Ball of Wax

- Will an earthly kingdom be restored to ethnic Israel or is the kingdom the Church?
- Will OT promises to Israel be fulfilled literally or only spiritually, by the Church?
- Is there any need for an earthly Millennial Kingdom?



SCHOOL OF THOUGHT	Classical Dispensationalism	Progressive Dispensationalism	Non-Dispensational Premillennialism	Amill & Post-Mill Covenant Theology
Ways of Salvation	Several	One	One	One
Elect Peoples	Several	Several	One	One
OT Promises Fulfilled	Literally For Ethnic Israel	Literally For Ethnic Israel	Literally For <u>Regenerate</u> Israel	Spiritually In the Church which Is Israel
Millennial Reign	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Church To be removed/Age of Israel Completed	Yes	Yes	No	No
Significance of 1948	Great	Great	None	None

- **BUT WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE
ACTUALLY SAY?**



Acts 1:6-8

The Question

- 6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"
- 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;
- 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."
- *Jesus doesn't rebuke them*
- *He doesn't correct them*
- *He just says you can't know when*

Acts 1:9-11

The Answer

- And after He had said these things,
- He was **lifted up**
- **while they were looking on,**
- and a **cloud** received Him **out of their sight.**
- And as they were **gazing intently into the sky while He was going,** behold, **two men in white clothing** stood beside them. They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand **looking into the sky?**"
- This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will **come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."**

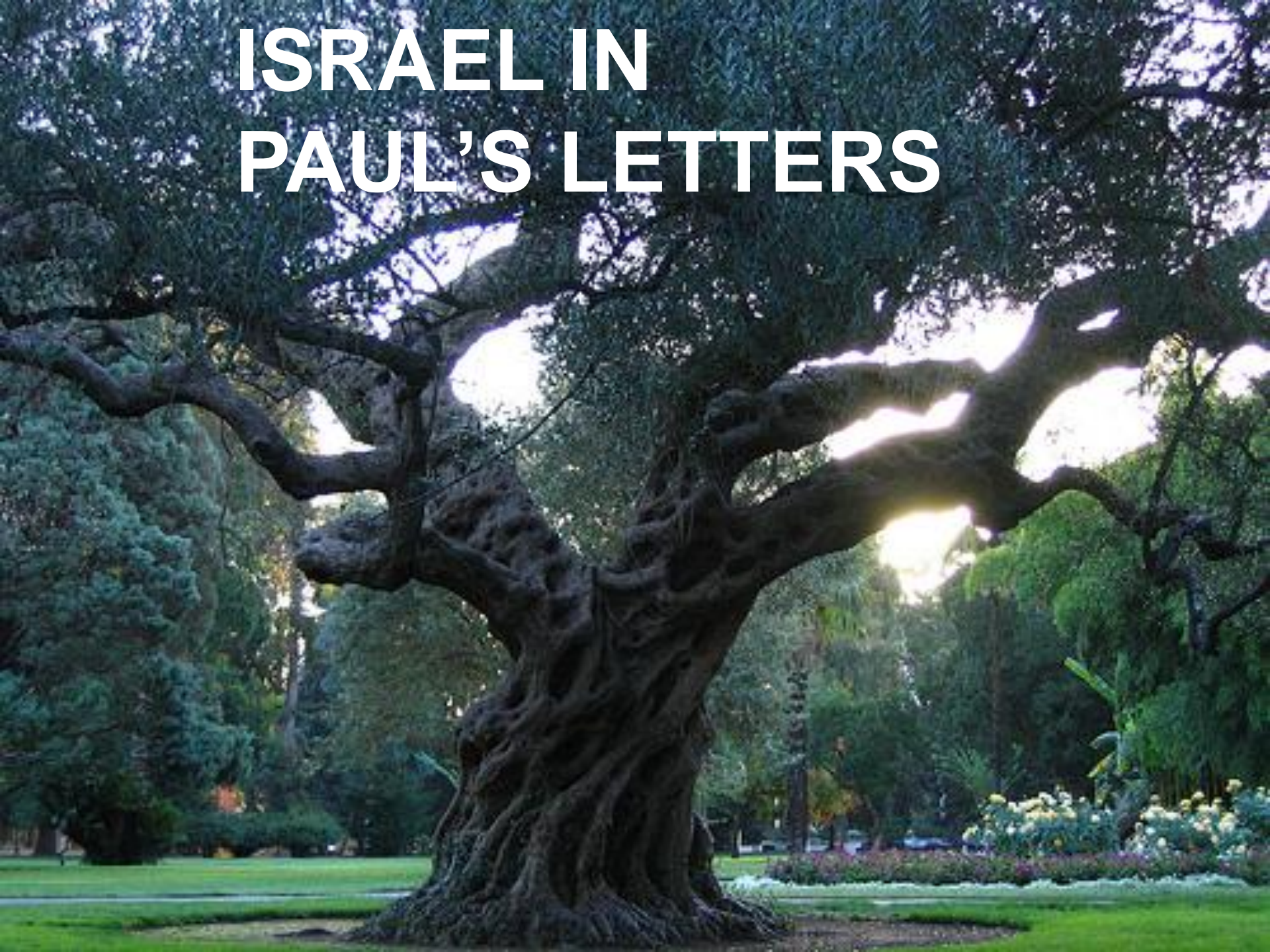
Acts 1:9-11

Prophecy of Second Coming

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- *Jesus will return just as he went up:*
 - *Visible from earth*
 - *In a cloud*
 - *With angels*

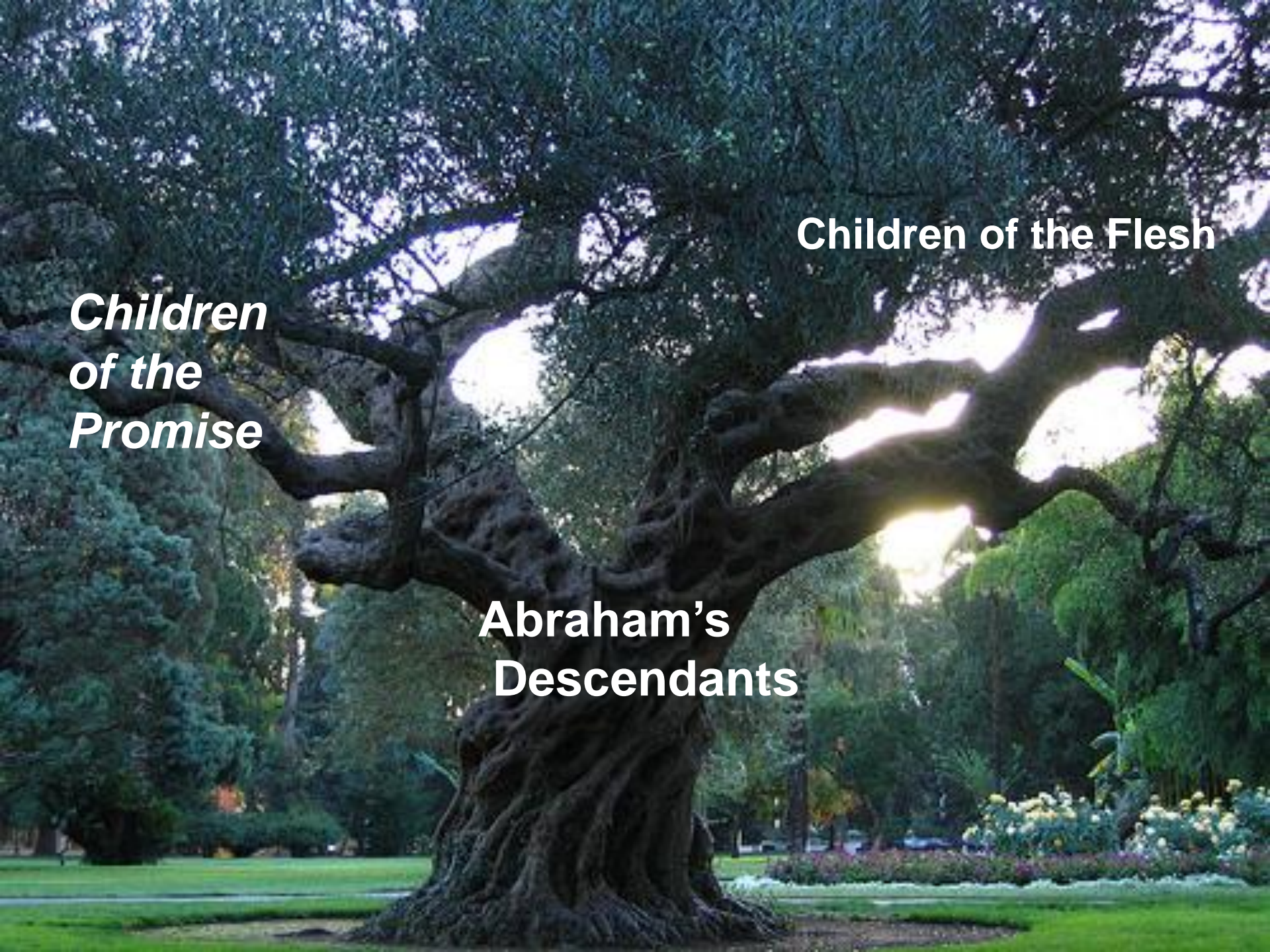
Acts 1:9-11	Matthew 24:30-31	1 Cor. 15:52	1 Thes. 4:15-17	Daniel 7:13-14	Rev. 1:7
<p>He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.</p> <p>And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky?"</p> <p>This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."</p>	<p>And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.</p> <p>And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET</p> <p>and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.</p>	<p>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound,</p> <p>and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.</p>	<p>we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout,</p> <p>with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God,</p> <p>and the dead in Christ will rise first.</p> <p>Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.</p>	<p>"I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming,</p> <p>...</p> <p>That all the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve Him</p>	<p>BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him;</p> <p>and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him.</p>

ISRAEL IN PAUL'S LETTERS



Romans 9 vs. 6-8

- 6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed **For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel;**
 - 7 **nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED."**
 - 8 **That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.**
- ***Children of Promise are a subset of all the children***



*Children
of the
Promise*

Children of the Flesh

**Abraham's
Descendants**

Romans 9

vs. 3-5

- 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of *my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,*
 - 4 **who are Israelites**, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and **the temple service** and the promises,
 - 5 whose are the fathers, and *from whom is the Christ according to the flesh*, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.
- *Israel = Ethnic Israel*
 - *To Israel belongs the “Temple Service”?*



Paul

**Israelites
Kinsmen According
To The Flesh**

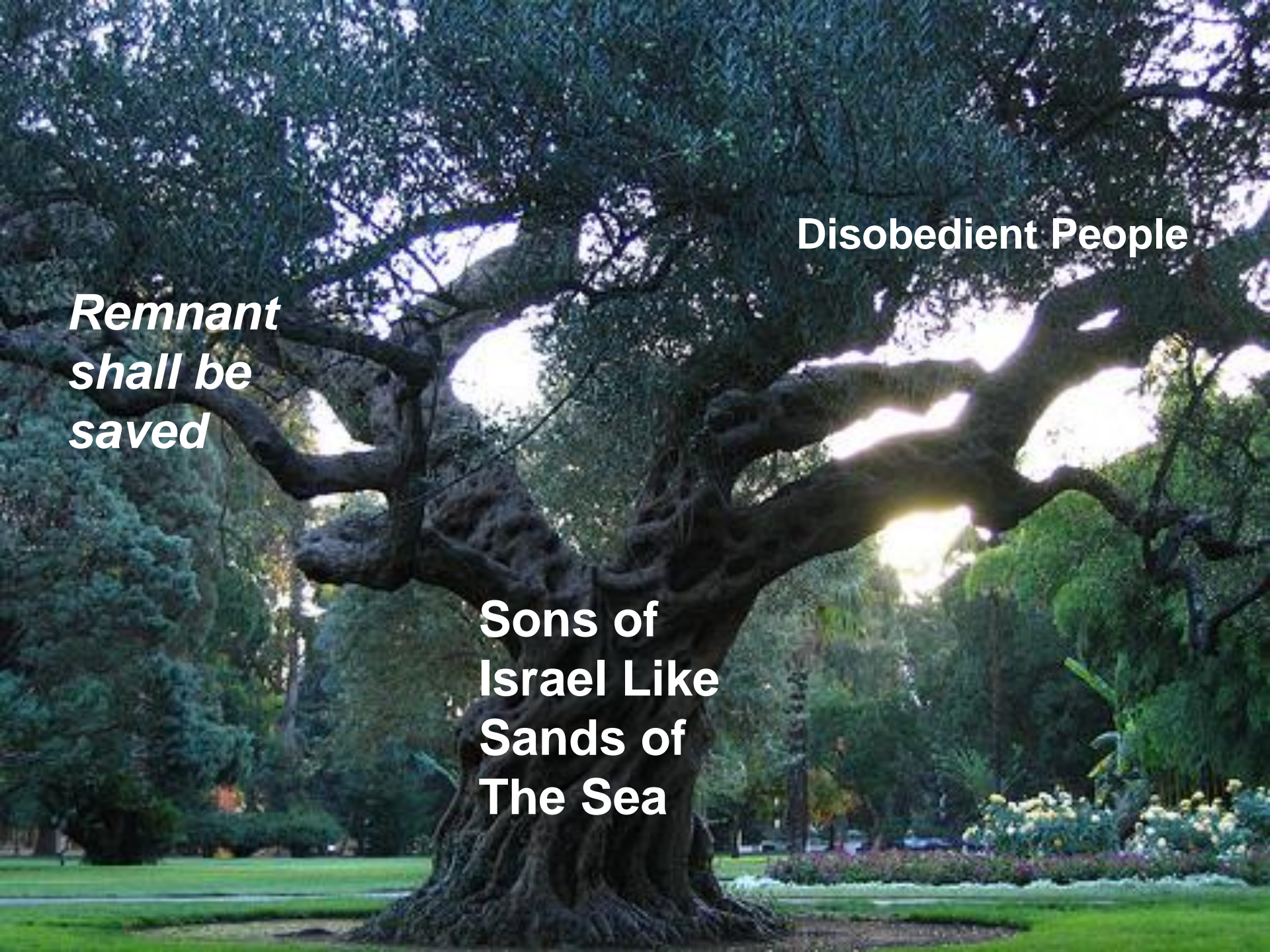
Romans 9

vs. 27, 31

- Romans 9:27
Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, " **THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL BE LIKE THE SAND OF THE SEA, IT IS THE REMNANT THAT WILL BE SAVED;**
- **Israel Not = the Church**
- **Remnant is subset of Israel, not Gentiles**
- Romans 9:31
but **Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law.**

Romans 10 vs. 19, 21

- **Romans 10:19**
But I say, surely *Israel did not know*, did they? First Moses says, " I WILL MAKE YOU JEALOUS BY THAT WHICH IS NOT A NATION, BY A NATION WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL I ANGER YOU."
- **Romans 10:21**
But as for Israel He says, "ALL THE DAY LONG I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS TO A DISOBEDIENT AND OBSTINATE PEOPLE."
- ***Israel not = Church***



*Remnant
shall be
saved*

Disobedient People

**Sons of
Israel Like
Sands of
The Sea**


Romans 11

vs. 1

- I say then, **God has not rejected His people**, has He? **May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.**
- *“Israel” Refers to ethnic Israel*
 - *His People =*
 - *Israel =*
 - *Descendants of Abraham*
 - *of tribe of Benjamin*

Romans 11

vs 2-3

- **2** God has not rejected His **people** whom He foreknew Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with **God against Israel?**
 - **3** "Lord, **THEY HAVE KILLED YOUR PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN YOUR ALTARS,** AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND **THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE.**"
 - *"Israel" does not refer to the Church*
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**They Have Killed
The Prophets**

***Paul
Descendant
of Abraham***

**His People
Not Rejected**

Romans 11

vs 4-5

- 4But what is the divine response to him? "I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL."
- 5In the same way then, there has also come to be **at the present time a remnant** according to God's gracious choice.
- *The Remnant is a Subset of Ethnic Israel, not the Church*

Romans 11

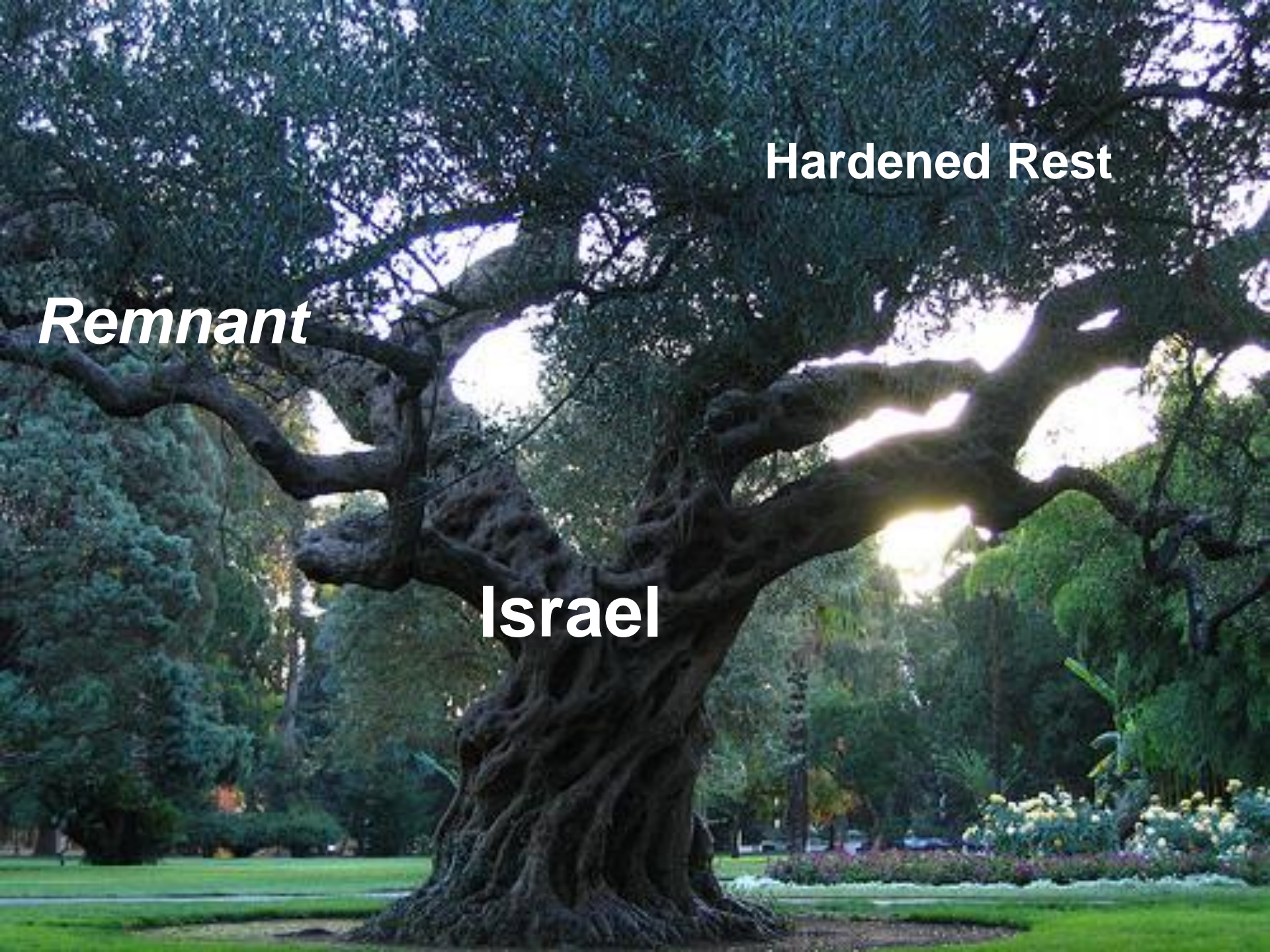
vs 6-7

- 6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.
- 7 What then? **What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained**, but **those who were chosen** obtained it, and ***the rest*** were hardened;
- *“Israel” is not the Church.*
- *Israel has two subsets, remnant and hardened rest.*
- *Israel =*
 - *Chosen + Hardened*

Romans 11

vs 8-10

- 8 just as it is written,
"GOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR,
EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT,
DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY."
- 9 And David says,
"LET THEIR TABLE BECOME A SNARE AND A TRAP,
AND A STUMBLING BLOCK AND A RETRIBUTION TO THEM.
10" LET THEIR EYES BE DARKENED TO SEE NOT,
AND BEND THEIR BACKS FOREVER."
- *Them = The "rest" of Ethnic Israel that has been hardened*




Hardened Rest

Remnant

Israel

Romans 11

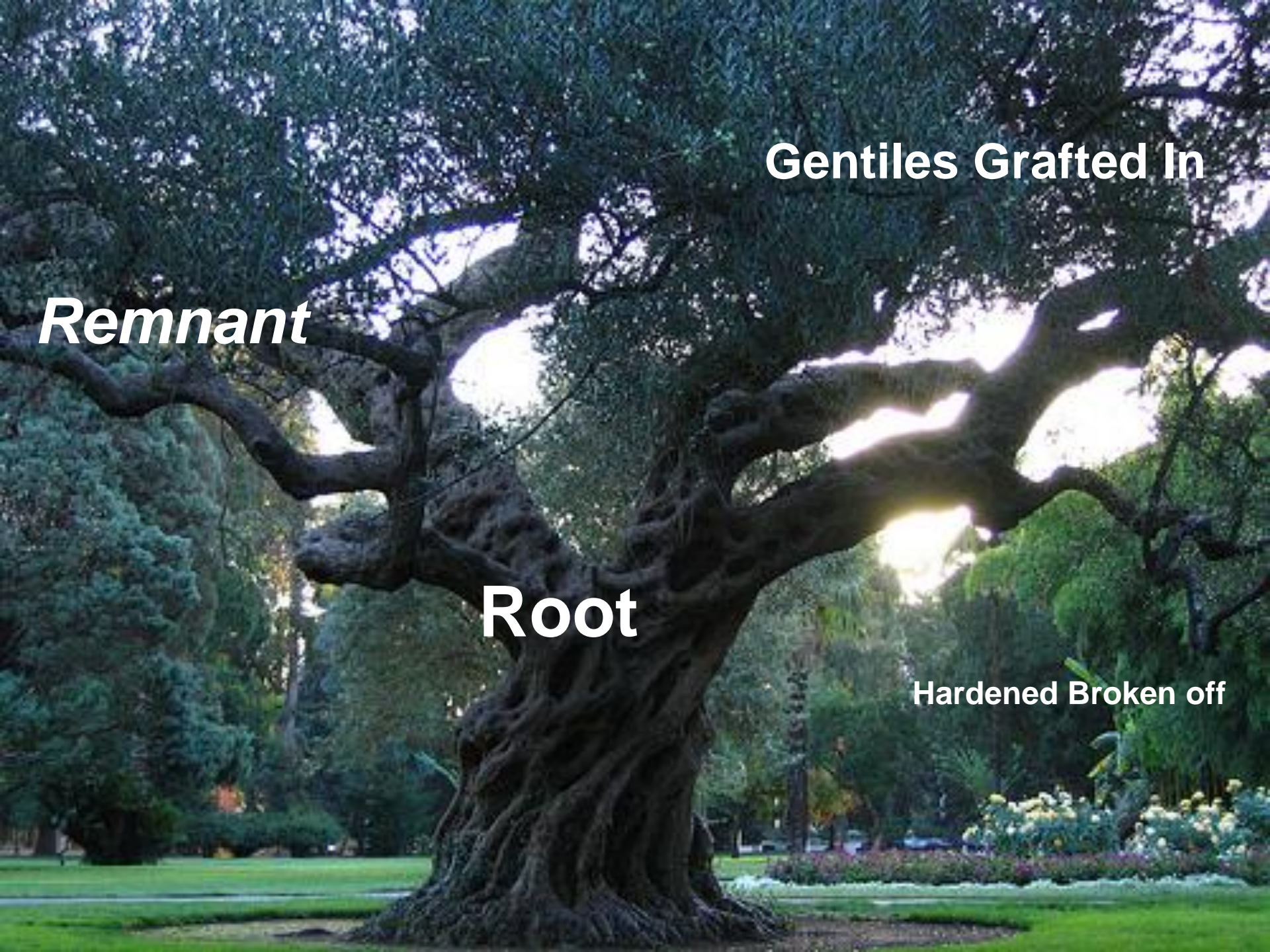
vs 11-15

- 11I say then, **they did not stumble so as to fall, did they?** May it never be! But by **their transgression** salvation has come to the Gentiles, to)make them jealous.
 - 12Now if **their transgression** is riches for the world and **their failure** is riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be!
 - 13But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of Gentiles, I magnify my ministry,
 - 14if somehow I might move to jealousy my fellow countrymen and save some of **them**.
 - 15For if **their rejection** is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?
- *They = Hardened rest*
 - *Hardened Rest is opposite of*
 - *Gentiles*
 - *The World*
 - *Israel = Paul's fellow countrymen*
 - *Some of them will be saved*
 - *Paul speaking to Gentile, not Jewish members of Church*
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Romans 11

vs 16-18

- 16 If the first piece of dough is holy, the lump is also; and if the root is holy, the branches are too.
 - 17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree,
 - 18 do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you.
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- *First piece = Abram/Israel*
 - *Lump = Fellow Countrymen*
 - *Root = Abram/Israel*
 - *Branches = Fellow Countrymen*
 - *Some Branches Cut Off = Hardened Rest*
 - *You = Gentile members of Church*



Gentiles Grafted In

Remnant

Root

Hardened Broken off

Romans 11

vs 19-22

- 19 You will say then, "**Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.**"
- 20 Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear;
- 21 for if God **did not spare the natural branches**, He will not spare you, either
- 22 Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to **those who fell**, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you **also will be cut off.**
- *Hardened Jews = Branches broken off*
- *Gentiles = Branches grafted in*
- *Gentiles could be cut off, so doesn't refer to Church.*

Romans 11

vs 23-24

- 23 And **they** also, if **they** do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.
- 24 For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the **natural branches** be grafted into their own olive tree?
- *Israel's "natural" branches (= hardened rest") may be restored to "their own tree" so*
- *Tree does not = the church*



Gentiles Grafted In
Hardened Grafted Back In

Remnant

Root

Romans 11 vs 25

- 25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery--so that you will not be wise in your own estimation--that a **partial hardening** has **happened to Israel** until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;
- ***Ethnic Israel partially hardened for a time***
- ***Israel cannot = the Church***

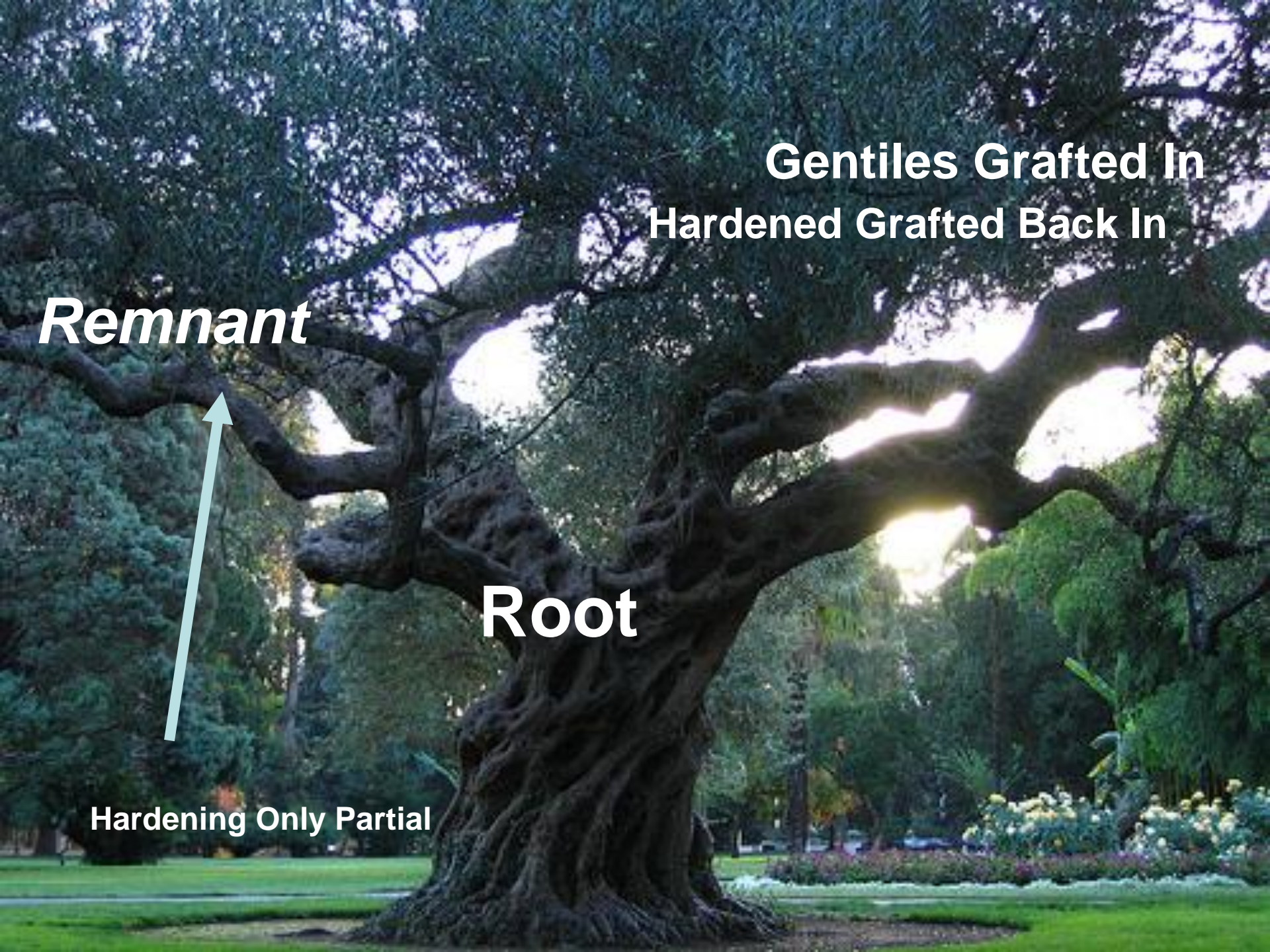
**Gentiles Grafted In
Hardened Grafted Back In**

Remnant



Root

Hardening Only Partial



Romans 11

vs 26-27

- **26 and so all Israel will be saved;** just as it is written, "(THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB."
27 "THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."
- **all ethnic Israel will have its branches grafted back in**
 - **Ungodliness removed**
 - **Sins taken away**
- **Context forbids the meaning of "Spiritual Israel" i.e. the church**

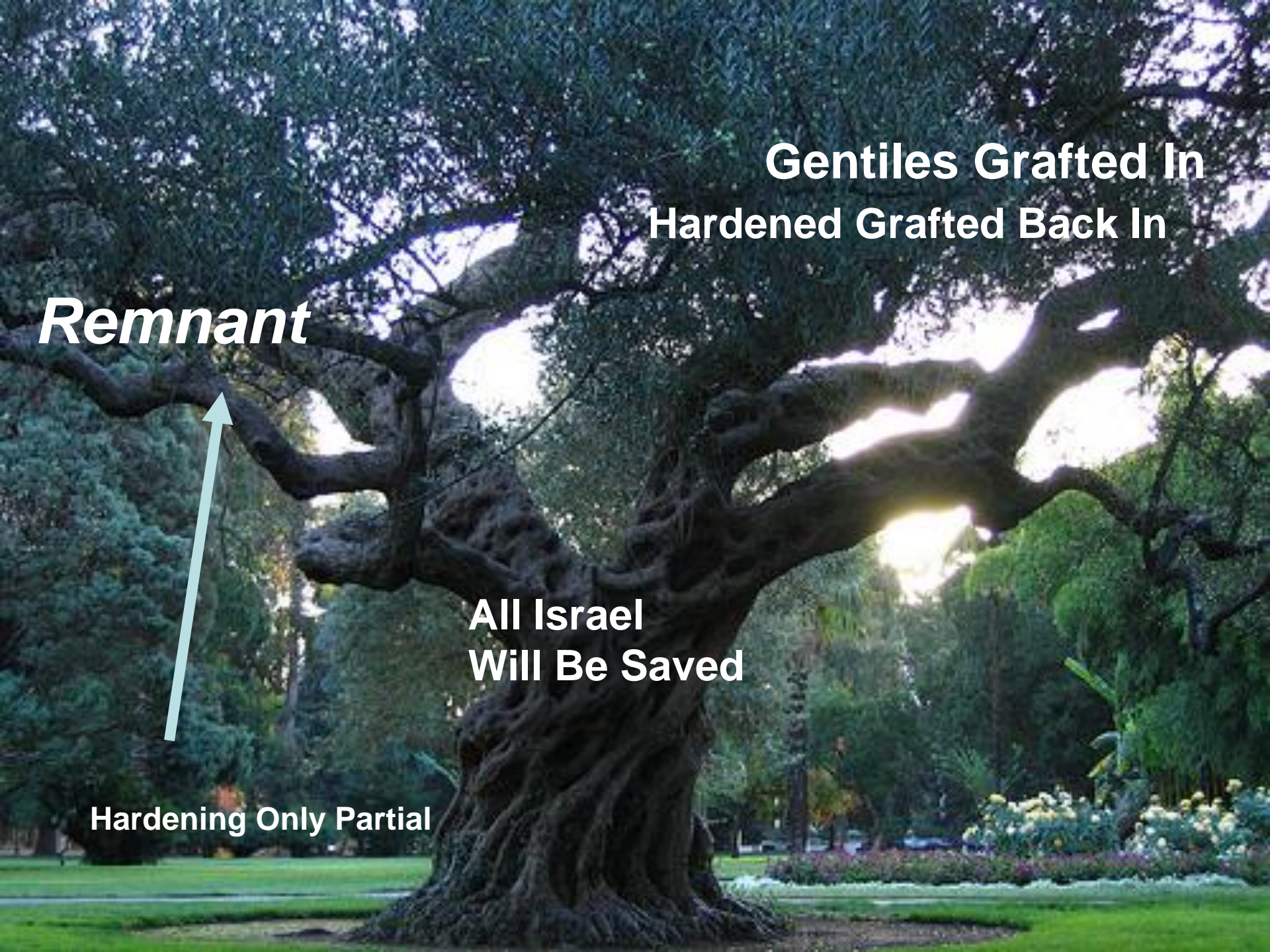
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Hardened Grafted Back In**

Remnant




**All Israel
Will Be Saved**

Hardening Only Partial



Romans 11

vs. 28-29

- 28 From the standpoint of the gospel ***they are enemies*** for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice ***they are beloved for the sake of the fathers***;
 - 29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
- ***Israel cannot = the Church***
 - ***Israel must mean Ethnic Israel***
 - ***Ethnic Israel still beloved***
 - ***God's calling of Ethnic Israel is irrevocable***
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Romans 11

vs. 30-31

- 30 For just as **you once were disobedient** to God, but now have been shown mercy because of **their disobedience**,
- 31 so **these also now have been disobedient**, that because of the mercy shown to **you they also may now be shown mercy**.
- *If God can save Gentiles, he can save ethnic Jews too.*

Paul's Use of "Israel"

Corinthians

- **1 Corinthians 10:18**
Look at the nation Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices sharers in the altar?
- **2 Corinthians 3:7**
But if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so **that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses** because of the glory of his face, fading as it was,
- **2 Corinthians 3:13**
and are not like Moses, who used to put a veil over his face so that **the sons of Israel** would not look intently at the end of what was fading away.
- **2 Corinthians 11:22**
Are they Hebrews? So am I Are they Israelites? So am I Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I.

Paul's Use of "Israel"

Galatians, Ephesians & Philipians

- **Galatians 6:16**

And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and **upon the Israel of God.**

- **Ephesians 2:12**

remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, **excluded from the commonwealth of Israel,** and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

- **Philippians 3:5**

circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee;



DISPENSATIONALISM

(CHURCH)

Jews

**ETHNIC
Israel**



AMILLENIALISM

CHURCH

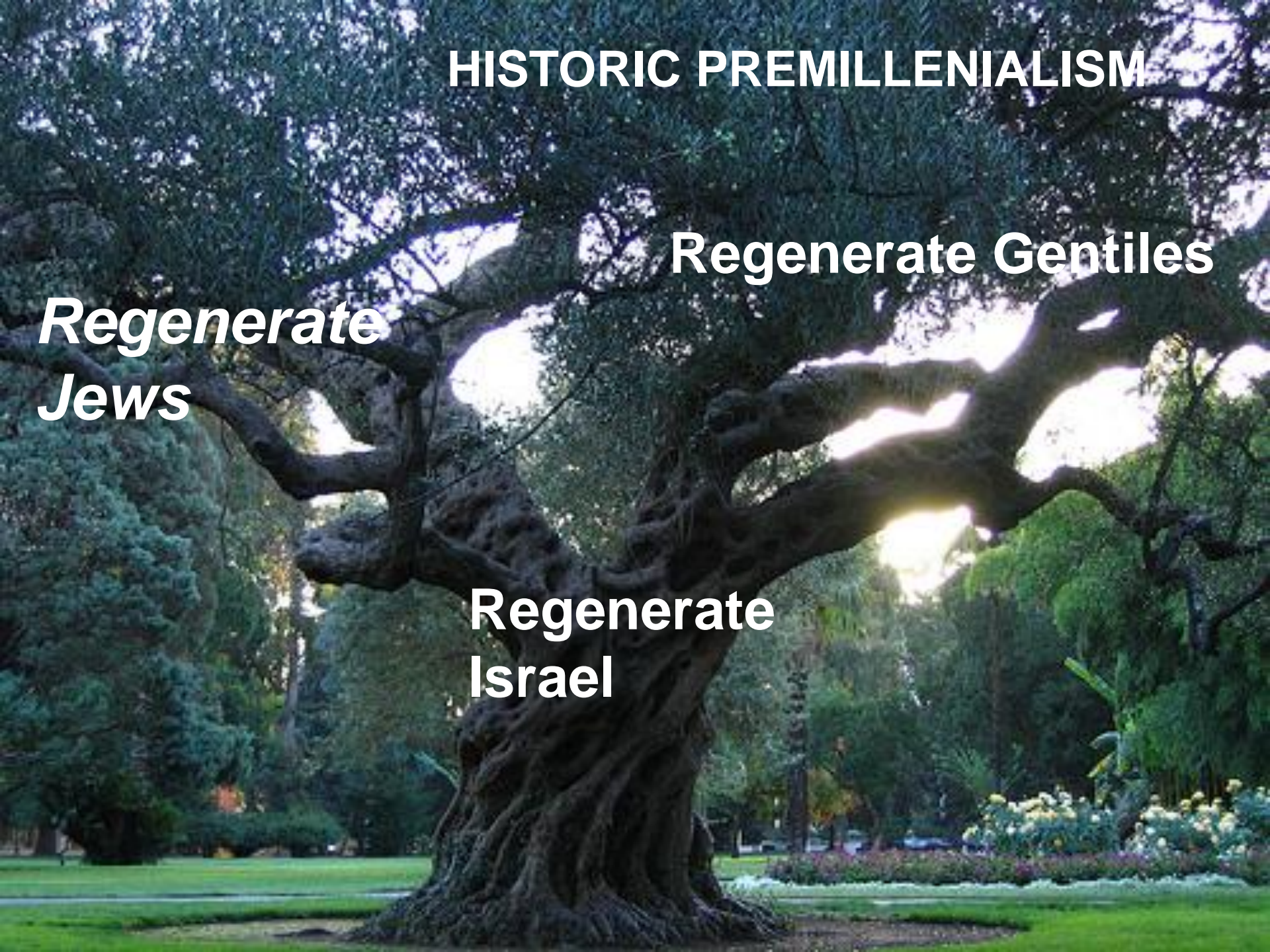
**ETHNIC
JEWS**

HISTORIC PREMILLENIALISM

Regenerate Gentiles

*Regenerate
Jews*

Regenerate
Israel



NEXT WEEK: THE RAPTURE ?

