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Susan Mouw: Defending the Faithfulness of God

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Introduction

Some books are written to inform. Others are written to persuade. But a rare few are written to defend the very character of God Himself. *Has God Cast Away Israel?* by Susan Mouw belongs to this final category.

What began as a simple question over lunch with a Reformed Baptist pastor became a theological journey that would challenge widespread teaching within the modern church. The question was deceptively simple: Is God really done with Israel?

Susan Mouw set out to answer that question. What she discovered would not only reshape her understanding of Scripture but would also provide a firm foundation of hope for every believer who has ever questioned whether God truly keeps His promises.

The Journey from Logic to Faith

Susan Mouw brings a unique perspective to theological writing. Her background as a computer programmer, where logic and precision are paramount, informs her approach to Scripture. She reads the Bible with the same careful attention to detail that she once applied to code, refusing to spiritualize or allegorize passages that speak plainly of God's plans.

It was at age 42 that Susan gave her life to Christ, recognizing that despite having the four bedroom house, the pool, and all the latest gadgets, something fundamental was missing. This journey from logic to faith became the foundation for a writer who cares deeply about getting the theology right.

Her previous work, *Road to the Cross*, established her as a voice of clarity in Christian publishing. But it is her latest book that addresses a question going to the heart of God's character.

The Question That Demanded an Answer

The topic of replacement theology came to the forefront during a lunch with a Reformed Baptist pastor. He expressed concern over the many within his church who believed in supersessionism and that the Church did, indeed, replace Israel. He asked Susan if she would address that in her next book.

The research that followed became *Has God Cast Away Israel?*.

As Susan studied Scripture from Genesis to Revelation, the more convinced she became that replacement theology simply did not align with the whole counsel of God. The more she studied, the more impossible it became for her to conclude that God had abandoned the nation He repeatedly promised to restore.

The Five Great Influences Behind the Book

Susan identifies five primary influences that compelled her to write this book.

The Growing Acceptance of Replacement Theology

The pastor's concern at lunch that day grew within her. She became deeply concerned that many Christians were being taught that God's

promises to Israel had been transferred to the Church. This teaching not only changes how we understand Scripture but also calls into question God's faithfulness to His own covenant promises.

A Desire to Encourage Believers to Study the Entire Bible in Context

Many passages that speak of Israel's future are spiritualized, allegorized, or reinterpreted. Susan wanted readers to see that when Scripture is read consistently and literally, God's plan for Israel becomes remarkably clear.

The Neglect of Bible Prophecy in Many Churches

A significant portion of God's Word, approximately twenty eight percent, is prophetic. Yet many Christians receive very little teaching on these passages. Understanding God's prophetic program brings clarity, hope, and confidence rather than confusion and fear.

Personal Study of Scripture

Years of studying the Old Testament prophets alongside the New Testament convinced Susan that God's covenants with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and David remain in force. The more she studied, the more impossible it became for her to conclude that God had abandoned the nation He repeatedly promised to restore.

A Burden to Defend God's Character

At its heart, this is not simply a book about Israel. It is a book about the faithfulness of God. If God could permanently set aside His unconditional promises to Israel, then every believer would have reason to question His promises to the Church. Thankfully, Scripture declares that the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable.

The Five Central Truths

Susan Mouw presents five central truths that she hopes every reader will carefully consider.

God Has Not Cast Away Israel

Romans 11 answers the book's title directly and is the passage from which the book's name was derived. Israel's present unbelief is temporary, not permanent. God still has a future purpose for His covenant people.

God's Covenants Are Unconditional and Irrevocable

The Abrahamic, Davidic, and New Covenants demonstrate God's unwavering commitment to fulfill exactly what He promised. God's sovereignty is displayed in His faithfulness. If God could break His promises to Israel, none of us could trust His promises to us. But because God is faithful to Israel, every believer can rest confidently in His faithfulness.

The Church and Israel Have Distinct Roles in God's Redemptive Plan

Both are precious to God, but they are not the same entity. Understanding this distinction is crucial to understanding the whole counsel of God and the whole plan of redemption. It also helps bring harmony to passages that otherwise seem difficult to reconcile.

Bible Prophecy Should Strengthen Faith, Not Create Fear

God's prophetic Word reveals that history is unfolding exactly as He declared thousands of years ago. Rather than producing anxiety, fulfilled

and future prophecy should increase our confidence in God's sovereign control and give us peace that He is in control, even when the world around us is collapsing.

God Always Keeps His Promises

This is the foundation upon which every other theme rests. From Genesis to Revelation, God proves Himself to be completely trustworthy. What He promised Israel, He will accomplish. What He has promised every believer in Christ, He will also fulfill.

A Living Testimony

What makes Susan Mouw's witness particularly powerful is that she does not merely write about God's faithfulness. She lives it.

Recently, Susan's husband underwent emergency vascular surgery to remove major clots down his right leg. Days later, he was back in surgery to remove a portion of his right foot where tissue was too badly damaged from loss of blood flow to recover. Through this trial by fire, Susan's response has been unwavering: "But I know God is in control."

It is one thing to write about the certainty of God's covenant faithfulness. It is another thing entirely to live it in the ICU. Susan Mouw is living out the theology she writes about, and that is a testament to the very faithfulness she defends.

The Final Word

If readers close this book with one lasting conviction, Susan hopes it is this: God has never abandoned Israel, because God never abandons His

promises. His faithfulness to Israel is a testimony to His faithfulness toward every person who places their trust in Jesus Christ. In a world where so much is uncertain, God's Word remains absolutely dependable.

Susan Mouw closes with a statement that summarizes the heart of her work.

"This book is ultimately not about Israel. It is about the God who always keeps His Word."

About the Author

Susan Mouw is a Christian author whose journey from logic to faith has shaped her approach to theological writing. A former computer programmer, she brings precision and careful attention to Scripture that makes her work accessible and trustworthy. She is the author of *Road to the Cross* and *Has God Cast Away Israel?*.

You can learn more about Susan and her work at roadtothecross.org.

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