

# THE FREE CHURCH AND ISRAEL'S COVENANT

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The Chapel, South Shaftesbury Campus, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd.

6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jē'sus of Nāz'arēth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Pē'tēr that he goeth before you into Gāl'ilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

8 And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.

9 Now when Jē'sus was risen from the dead, and appeared unto the first day of the week, he appeared unto them that believe; In my name they cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

19 ¶ So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE

**CHAPTER 1**

MUCH as many have taken it to set forth in order a record of those things which were truly believed among us, and which they delivered them unto us from the beginning, we thought fit, as we have done in other scriptures, and ministers of the good to me also, having perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write in order, most excellent and true, that the mightiest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

5 ¶ THERE was in the days of Hēr'od, the king of Jū'dea, a certain priest named Zāch'ar'ah, of the course of Ā-bī'ā: and he had a wife, whose name was Bē'r'th, of the daughters of Aār'ōn; and she was barren.

6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

7 And they had no child, because that Bē'r'th was barren, and both were now well stricken in years.

8 And it came to pass, that



## DR. PETER OCHS

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J.J. Thiessen guest lecturer Dr. Peter Ochs will deliver four sessions offering a groundwork for a Mennonite-Jewish theological dialogue. One context for the dialogue is a sphere of overlapping interests among Jews and Mennonites who have returned to consider the power of scripture at a time when both secularism and radical anti-secularism have lost their luster. Another context is the publication of John Howard Yoder's *The Jewish-Christian Schism Revisited*. Yet another context is an emerging effort among Jewish, Christian, and Muslim scholars to meet together in peace and through conversations about scripture. A final context is the on-going loss of life, justice, and hope in Israel-Palestine. *The Free Church and Israel's Covenant* introduces Mennonite-Jewish theological dialogue as a contribution to the work of inter-Abrahamic peace and of scriptural truth.

October 20, 10:30 AM  
John Howard Yoder's Repair and Not Repair of the Jewish-Christian Schism

October 20, 7:30 PM  
Biblical Israel, Rabbinic Judaism and Sola Scriptura

October 21, 10:30 AM  
Abrahamic Scriptural Reasoning and/in the Mennonite World Mission

October 21, 7:30 PM  
The Free Church, Israel, and Islam Today



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