How can thisb e? The New Testament quotes verses from here, and shows that it is a marvelous thing in the plan of God that even tho the place of Israel is a place which was absolutely vital to God's work, without which it is inconceivable that His work could have been carried out, thru Israel He gave us the Law, the oracles, the Word of God. Through Israel according to the flesh came the Lord Jesus Christ. Through/according to the flesh came the foundation of the church. Newertheless that the wild olive tree, which has been grafted into the olive tree of Israel, that from it will come an out....ll and an outreach, even greater in quantity, if not in quality, than anything which has been vouchsafed to Israel, so that more are the children of the desolate, than the children of the married wife. Yes?...... AAM: Gal. 4:27. Yes. We have to xxx look at the context. I don't think we will start at the beginning of the book of Galatians. It would be a good place to begin, because it is all leading up to it, but let's begin say at v.19 or say, 21. "My little children, of whom I travial in birth agan until Christ be formed in you...(v.21) Tell me, you that desire to be under the law, did you not hear the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons....which things are an allegory." What does he mean, they are an allegory? Does he mean they didn't happen at all? It is not historically true? These things never occurred? This is just a story here to, a myth, or a legend to give you a beautiful idea that never happened. Nex Of course we know that it not true. There was Hagar, and there was Sarah, and there was Ishmael, and there was Isaac. These things did happen, but he means these things are an illustration. He means from this we can draw an illustration that will help to make this point clear. He doesn't mean this is the reason these things happened. He doesn't mean that these things are simply a figure, but this makes an excellent illustration of the point I want to bring across. "For these are the two covenants: the one from mount Sinai, which genedereth to bondage, which is Hagar...and is in bondage to her children."....end of P 205