Biblical View of ISRAEL

What does the Bible Say



Mis-understanding the place of Israel





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Redemtive history is a Progression



New Covenant founded and fulfilled in Jesus Christ



Old Covenant around Israel



The Blessing of Israel

Genesis 12 :3

“..I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you, all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

The Blessing of Israel

Genesis 12 : 10 -17

10 Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land. 11 And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, “Indeed I know that you are a woman of beautiful countenance. 12 Therefore it will happen, when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, ‘This is his wife’; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. 13 Please say you are my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake, and that I may live because of you.”
14 So it was, when Abram came into Egypt, that the Egyptians saw the woman, that she was very beautiful. 15 The princes of Pharaoh also saw her and commended her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken to Pharaoh’s house. 16 He treated Abram well for her sake. He had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female servants, female donkeys, and camels.
17 But the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife. 18 And Pharaoh called Abram and said, “What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? 19 Why did you say, ‘She is my sister’? I might have taken her as my wife. Now, therefore, here is your wife; take her and go your way.” 20 So Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him; and they sent him away, with his wife and all that he had.

Israel *not* special?

Zechariah 2:8



What is the Importance of Israel ?



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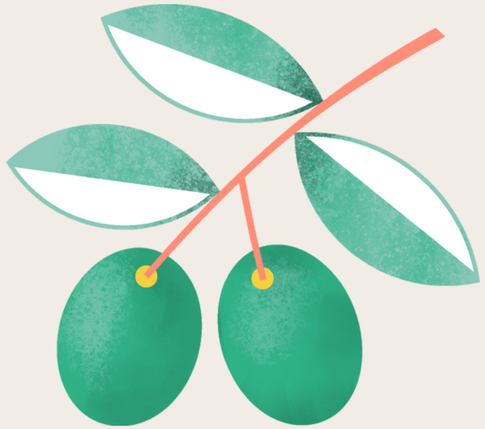

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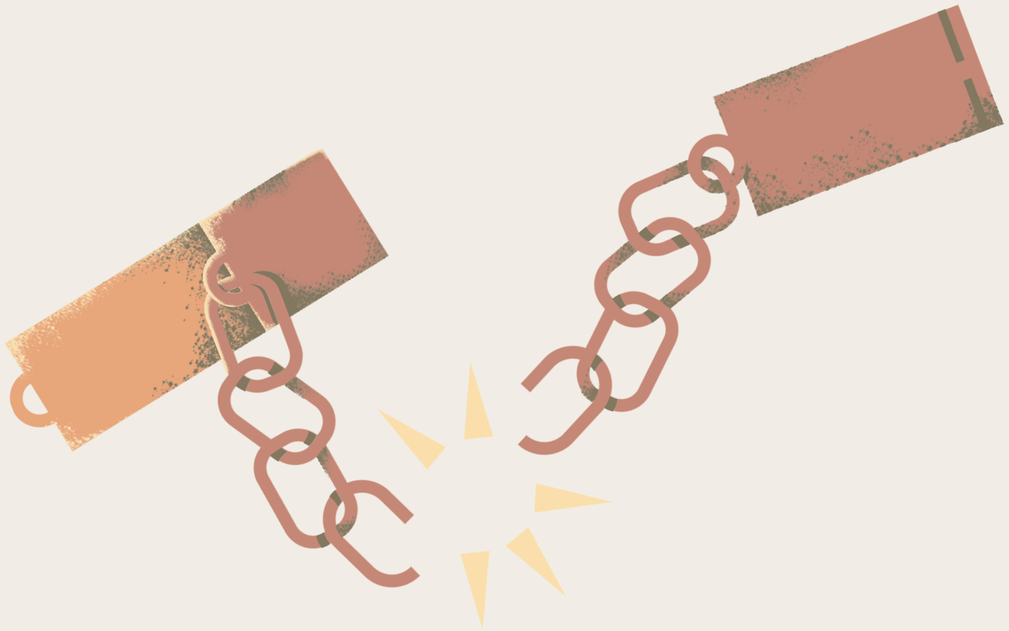

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Benefits of being a Jew

Romans 3:1 ; Romans 9:3

Where did things go wrong in our thinking today?

People today look at Israel and believe the nation in the Middle East today has the same covenantal importance as Israel in the Bible.



It does not have the same Covenantal importance & they are no longer the covenant people of God

Dispensationalism

Two People : Jews & Church

God has

ONE People

who are saved in Jesus Christ

What does Bible Teach

1. The old covenant system would give way to the new covenant (Hebrews 7:18, 22)
2. Israel as a covenant people would lose its place and importance
3. All men Jew and Gentile were to recognize Jesus as the Messiah and to come into his Kingdom through Faith
4. Israel would be judged for her rejection of the Messiah

Matthew 3:7-9

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee ***from the wrath to come?*** 8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, 9 and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

Isaiah 65: 14-15

Behold, **My servants***(those who **believe** in the Messiah)*shall sing for joy of heart, But **you***(those who **DO NOT** believe in the Messiah)* shall cry for sorrow of heart,

And wail for grief of spirit.

You shall leave your name as a curse to My chosen;

For the Lord God will slay you, And call His servants by

another name *(the people of the way - Christians)*;

John 8:31-44

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

33 They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone *(Ref. Gal 5:1-4)* How can You say, ‘You will be made free’?”

34 Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

John 8:31-44

37 “**I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you**. 38 I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father.”
39 They answered and said to Him, **“Abraham is our father.”**
Jesus said to them, **“If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham.** 40 But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. 41 You do the deeds of your father.” Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God.”
42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. 43 Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. 44 ***You are of your father the devil***

There was a special value in the Old Covenant for a Jew because



- that was the way back to God
- that was the way to worship Yahweh, BUT

What has Changed Now in the New Covenant ?



- We don't worship that way anymore
- We worship through ***Jesus Christ*** who gives equal access to all men
- We don't have to be circumcised and become a Jew because ***we have been circumcised in the heart by the Holy Spirit of God***
- We don't have to go to Jerusalem to worship we can worship wherever we are

Romans 2:28

28 For he is not a ***Jew who is one outwardly***,
nor is circumcision that which is outward in the
flesh; 29 but ***he is a Jew who is one inwardly***;
and circumcision is that of the ***heart***, in the
Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from
men but from God.

How do I become a True Jew

Galatians 3:26-29

26 ***For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus***. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 ***There is neither Jew nor Greek***, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ***you are all one in Christ Jesus***. 29 ***And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.***



Matthew 21:33-45

33 “Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a
vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower.
And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. 34 Now when
vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they
might receive its fruit. 35 And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one,
killed one, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other servants, more than
the first, and they did likewise to them. 37 Then last of all he sent his son to
them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 38 But when the vinedressers saw
the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him
and seize his inheritance.’ 39 So they took him and cast him out of the
vineyard and killed him.
40 “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to
those vinedressers?”

Matthew 21:33-45

41 They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease
his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their
seasons.”
42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:
‘The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.
This was the Lord’s doing,
And it is marvelous in our eyes’?
43 “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and
given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. 44 And whoever falls on this stone
will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.”
45 Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they
perceived that He was speaking of them.

Hebrews 13: 14

For here we have no continuing city*(earthly, physical Jerusalem),* but we seek the one to come *(spiritual Jerusalem)*

Final Words

- Old covenant Israel was important for it was through them that Messiah Came
- After Messiah Came, unbelieving Israel was destined to perish at the hands of God
- **Old covenant Israel and its power – the temple, the system, the sacrifices, the lineage was destroyed in AD 70**
- The New Covenant Israel – the spiritual Israel is established in the Kingdom of God where there is no Jew or Greek but only those who believe in Jesus Christ
- The Nation of Israel (in the Middle East) is Not the Biblical NT Israel

Think

- Why would we want to go back to old covenant traditions after Christ has finished it all
- Why would we need a Physical Temple, where the NT repeatedly tells us of the spiritual temple with Jesus Christ as its foundation? We are the temple of God (1 Corinthians 3: 16)
- Why would go from the Type, to Fulfillment, to Type again ?



Examine

1. Are we believing men or searching Scriptures?
2. Are we misreading the Bible, that it commands us to side with current-day Israel which has no covenantal importance?
3. Are we still looking for a physical temple when God has established a spiritual temple in his spiritual kingdom?