

ISRAEL in Romans 9-11

Has the Church taken the place of Israel? Is the Church now Israel? Is there a future plan for Israel (the race in Palestine) in God's plan?

The Israel of:

- 9:3-4 "kinsmen according to the flesh"
- 9:31 "Israel, which followed after the law"
- 10:1 "prayer . . .for Israel is, that they might be saved"
- 11:15 "casting away of them . . .receiving of them"
- 11:20 "because of unbelief they were broken off"
- 11:23 "if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in"
- 11:25 "blindness . . .happened to Israel, until . . .Gentiles come in"

Is the same Israel as:

- 11:26 "Deliverer . . .shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob"
- 11:27 "I shall take away their sins"
- 11:28 "they are beloved for the Father's sake"

The Church is contrasted with and differentiated from Israel.

THE NATION ISRAEL'S FUTURE

Many Old Testament prophecies regarding Israel await fulfillment.

Zechariah 12, 13, 14: God's wrath poured out against the enemies of Israel.

Joel 3:2-16: the Lord's judgment on the nations.

Isaiah 2:2-4: the Lord's universal reign from Jerusalem.

Micah 4:1-7: the Lord's universal reign from Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 37:21-25: Israel's spiritual renewal under a Davidic king.

Deuteronomy 30:1-3: spiritual renewal of Israel in the land.

New Testament prophecies are clear:

Luke 1:30-33: Davidic Covenant: cf. 2 Samuel 7:16

Acts 2:29-32: Messianic promise

Acts 15:14-17: Gentiles to be called out for God

Gentiles: Romans 11:25; fullness
Luke 21:24

Since Nebuchadnezzar, there has been no Davidic king reigning in Jerusalem; Christ will return and reign on David's throne.

