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Part 3a: The True Israel

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Biblical Theology of Israel

1. Part 1: Origin of Israel

2. Part 2: Nation of Israel

Summary of Old Testament Promises and Expectations of Israel

1. They are God's Covenant people of promise. Meaning the promises to the people are made and delivered via covenant relationship with God
 - a. Starting with Adam & Creation covenant
 - b. Then with Noah & all of creation
 - c. Then with Abraham & his offspring
 - d. Then with those taken out of Egypt (Jacob's descendants) at Sinai via Moses
 - e. Then David & his offspring
 - f. Covenants between God & man are initiated & maintained by God in love
2. They are the Son of God (*Covs: Creation, Abrahamic*)
3. They are promised an offspring who will crush the head of the serpent (*Cov: Creation*)
4. They are the Offspring of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (*Cov: Abrahamic*)
 - a. They will be an uncountable population of descendants
 - i. They will be fruitful & will multiply
5. They are promised to be blessed by God (*Cov: Abrahamic*)
6. They are promised to be a blessing to the world (*Cov: Abrahamic*)
7. They are promised to be in God's place, or the "land", or the "kingdom" (*Cov: Abrahamic*)
 - a. Promised to Abraham & nation similar to Garden
 - b. For Israel to be in the Land is to be with God in God's place under God's rule, which is to say being in God's kingdom
 - c. This place includes God's sanctuary where man and God fellowship
 - i. Seen with Garden, Mt. Sinai, Tabernacle, Temple
8. They are promised peace and rest from their enemies (*Cov: Creation, Abrahamic, Davidic*)
9. They are a people group united by covenant relationship and mutual covenant loyalty (*Cov:*

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Creation, Abrahamic, Mosaic)

- a. Which means they're not a government/nation-state like we think of today
- b. Which also means that obedience is required
 - i. Disobedience leads to death, being cut off
10. They will be God's precious possession (*Cov: Mosaic*)
11. They will be a kingdom of priests (*Cov: Mosaic*)
12. They will be a holy nation (*Cov: Mosaic*)
13. They are the "Remnant" of God's people truly devoted to God with loyalty/trust
14. They are God's beloved and devoted bride
 - a. As his bride they will be free from adultery and idolatry
15. They are promised a king who will sit on the throne over Israel forever (*Cov: Davidic*)
 - a. He will rule & reign in righteousness, peace, and justice
 - i. Bringing righteousness, peace, and justice to his people
 - b. He will also give victory over their enemies, giving rest
 - c. He will be the covenant head
16. They are promised a redeemer (Messiah) who will save the people from their sins (*Cov: Future New Covenant*)
 - a. This redeemer will lead them in another Exodus
 - b. A remnant of God's people from the foreign nations, who are Not God's People, will come to this redeemer
17. They are promised a New Covenant (*Cov: Future New Covenant*)
 - a. This covenant will not be like the old, but will be truly transforming
 - i. The external will become internal
18. They are promised a new hearts devoted to God and full of His instruction (*Cov: Future New Covenant*)
19. They are promised a new Spirit, God's own Spirit in them (*Cov: Future New Covenant*)
 - a. They will be consecrated, sanctified, cleansed from all uncleanness
20. They are promised to be gathered from the 4 corners of the earth (*Cov: Future New Covenant*)
 - a. Including from the nations that are Not God's people
21. They are promised a new heavens and a new earth (*Cov: Creation, Abrahamic, Future New Covenant*)
22. They are the people of whom it is said, "God will be their God and they will be His people."
(*Cov: Creation, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Future New Covenant*)

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Matt. 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Luke 3:38 the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

Luke 4:1 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness **2** for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days.

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And when they were ended, he was hungry. **3** The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

Israel, The Son of God

Israel, The Son of David

2Sam. 7:9 And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. **10** And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, **11** from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. **12** When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. **13** He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. **14** I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, **15** but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. **16** And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

Graeme Goldsworthy:

The nation of God's chosen people was represented by their divinely appointed king. The anointed ministries of prophet, priest, and king mediated God's word, God's grace of reconciliation, and God's rule, respectively. The presence of God among his people was represented by the temple. (Goldsworthy, Graeme. The Son of God and the New Creation, p70)

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Israel, The Son of Abraham

Gal. 3:15 To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. **16** Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ.

Gal. 3:17 This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. **18** For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. **19** Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. **20** Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

So, the uncountable nation is promised to Jesus
Being blessed is promised to Jesus
The whole world being blessed through them is promised to Jesus
The land is promised to Jesus
The promise of being God’s treasured possession is made to Jesus
Being a kingdom of priests is promised to Jesus
Being a holy nation is promised to Jesus
The New Covenant and the new heart and the new Spirit are all promised to Jesus