

I Sermon Notes

The Doctrine of the Church Israel and the Church

I. The People of God Begins in Eternity with the Covenant of Redemption

II. The Old Testament People of God – Israel

- A. There were OT saints prior to the establishment of Israel
- B. God constitutes the Seed of Abraham Covenantally, which will become the nation of Israel
- C. The dual nature of the Abrahamic Covenant
*This dual nature of the covenant helps us to see the relationship between Israel and the Church.
- D. The Seed(s) of Abraham
- E. Circumcision
Same dualism with circumcision
Even in the OT, circumcision was not merely a mark in the flesh
Circumcision of heart -Deut. 10:16 (Jer. 4:4; 6:10); Deut. 30:6 (29:4); Jer. 9:25-26

Rom. 2:25-29; Phil. 3:3; Col. 2:11-13

1 Cor. 7:19; Gal. 5:6; 6:15

III. The New Testament People of God: The Church

There is both continuity and discontinuity in the relationship between Israel and the Church

- A. Jesus Stated that the Kingdom would be taken away from the majority of Israel (represented by its unbelieving leaders) and given to another.
Matt. 8:11-12 (inclusion of Gentiles, exclusion of Israel according to the flesh); Matt. 21:43-44
- B. God permanently shuts the door in Old Testament religion and brings judgment on the Jewish nation in AD 70 Matt. 23:37-24:1-2
- C. At Pentecost, the Jewish remnant is gathered, and the Gentiles are brought into the True Israel of God (a Jewish/Gentile remnant).



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1. At Pentecost the scattered people of Israel are called to be Israel regathered (regathering promises)

2. Twelve Apostles and Acts 2:5

3. Acts 10 and 15 (15:12-18)

The inclusion of the Gentiles is an OT promise with NT fulfillment!

Under Messiah's Reign (Psa. 2:8; 22:27; 67; 72:8-11; Zech. 2:10-11; 9:9-10)

In the Age of Messiah (Isa. 2:2-4; 19:21-25; 54:2-3; 56:6-8; Ezek. 47:21-23)

Israel's God will be worshiped by the nations (Psa. 67)

The nation will belong to Zion (Psa. 87)

All of this and more is the fulfillment of Gen. 12:3

D. Regathered Israel then advances, bringing in both a Jewish remnant and the other sheep. Acts 26:16-18

E. The Church, under the New Covenant, is the true Israel of God and Christians are true Jews.

Composed of both Jew and Gentile into one new man (Eph. 2:11-22)

Rom. 2:28-29; Gal 3:6-9, 28-29; 4:21-31; Eph. 2:11-12; Phil. 3:2-3; Heb. 12:22-24; 1

Pet. 2:9-10; Rev. 21:9-14 (Church = New Jerusalem = Jew/Gentile)

Cf. Gal. 6:16 (see the sermon on this text:

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Conclusion

In terms of election, the COR, there is one people of God –

In terms of history, there is Israel and the Church

Israel is both a physical/national people and a spiritual people within the physical nation.

The Church is the fulfillment of the true Israel through Jesus Christ. The Church is one new man, a new creation. (Relationship between the OC and NC)

