

Kingdom of Israel

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I. The Kingdom of Israel

A. History – The Old Testament

1. Abraham's grandson Jacob received God's promise (Gen. 27)
2. God changed Jacob's name to Israel (Gen. 32:28)
3. Israel had 12 sons that became the 12 tribes of Israel (Gen. 49:28)
4. God made a special covenant with this group 400 years later at Mt. Sinai
 - a. Gave them the Law of Moses
 - b. Gave them the Promised Land (Canaan ⇒ Israel)
5. From 1400BC until 960BC there was one Kingdom of Israel
6. From 960BC to 586BC there were two Kingdoms of Israel
 - a. 960BC – 722BC – Northern Kingdom (aka Israel, Samaria, Ephraim)
 - b. 960BC – 586 BC – Kingdom of Judah
7. In the time of Jesus there were only the descendants of Judah (the Jews)

B. Main point

1. They served as an example of failure – 1 Corinthians 10:1-12
 - a. A Broken Vessel of Wrath – Romans 9:21-23
 - b. Revealing the sinfulness of sin – Romans 7:13
2. They served to provide an authentication of the Messiah – Romans 3:2
 - a. Messianic prophecies that spoke of the Messiah
 - b. Many of which were offered prior to the formation of Israel
(1) Genesis 12:3, 49:10, Galatians 3:17
3. They served to deliver the Messiah in the flesh – Romans 9:5
 - a. The Seed Promise – Genesis 22:18, Galatians 3:17

II. The Kingdom of Christ was God's Eternal Purpose – Ephesians 3:10-11

A. God's Purpose: Redemption of the Entire Human Race (John 3:16)

1. Not one group alone
2. Ultimate redemption is greater than a physical nation
3. Therefore: promises in Christ are greater than in Moses (Heb. 8:6)

B. Israel was NOT a plan gone wrong

1. It was merely a step to getting to the ultimate kingdom
2. The church did not replace Israel
3. Israel foreshadowed the church – Colossians 2:17, Hebrews 10:1

C. The church as a Spiritual Israel

1. Romans 9:6 – *"they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel"*
2. The Spiritual Reality – John 4:22-24
 - a. Worship of Israel was a foreshadow of the things of Christ
 - b. Spiritual things are superior to physical – 1 Corinthians 15:46

Old Testament Physical Emblems		New Testament Spiritual Realities	
Jerusalem	2 Chron. 6:6, John 4:20	The Church	Heb 12:22, Gal 4:26, Rev. 3:12
Priesthood	Deut. 21:5, 1 Chron. 23:13	The Christian	1 Peter 2:5-9
Sacrifices	Lev. 7:29-34	Our lives	Rom 12:1-2, 1 Peter 2:5
Temple	1 Chron. 29:1-9	The church	1 Cor. 3:16, Eph. 2:21
Altar	Heb 9:4	Prayer (received)	Heb 13:10
Incense	Ex. 30:7-8	Prayer (offered)	Rev. 5:8, Rev 8:3
Robes	Ex. 39:22-26	Righteousness	Gal. 3:27, Rev. 19:8
Passover	Ex. 12:11, Num. 9:2-14	Death of Jesus	1 Cor. 5:7, 1 Peter 1:19
Sabbath	Ex. 16:26, Ex. 20:8-10	Eternal Home	Heb. 4:1-11, Col. 2:16-17
Musical Instruments	2 Sam. 6:5, 1 Chron. 15:16	Singing	Col 3:16, Eph. 5:19, Heb. 13:15

III. The Dispensational Error

A. Premillennial doctrine commonly states:

1. God has never completely fulfilled His promises to Abraham regarding the future of his descendants the nation of Israel (**FALSE**)
2. Israel never fully inherited Canaan, so this must be accomplished in the millennium after Jesus returns (**FALSE**)
3. Jesus will reign as earthly king in Palestine, and fleshly Israel will again be God's favored nation (**FALSE**)

"Passages of the Old Testament ... anticipating a future day of glory for Israel find their fulfillment in the millennial reign of Christ. The regathering of Israel, a prominent theme of most of the prophets, has its purpose realized in the re-establishment of Israel in their ancient land. Israel as a nation is delivered from her persecutors in the time of tribulation and brought into the place of blessing and restoration" – John Walvoord, The Millennial Kingdom, p. 303

B. Premillennial doctrine is in error on these points

1. God fulfilled ALL Promises to Abraham
 - a. They DID become a great nation – Exodus 1:7, 1 Kings 3:7, 4:20
2. Israel received ALL the land promised – Joshua 21:43-45
 - a. Many forget God's promise in Deuteronomy 29:25-28
3. Jesus CANNOT reign in Jerusalem in the future
 - a. David's Throne is in Heaven (see previous studies)
 - b. No descendant of David can sit on that throne in Judah (Jeremiah 22:30)

C. Premillennial doctrine is contrary to the purpose of God

1. It renders Jesus death in vain – Galatians 2:21
2. It reinstitutes the division Jesus died to remove – Galatians 3:28
3. It re-imposes a sacrificial system that cannot remove sin – Hebrews 10:4

D. Seeking to restore Israel as a particular nation is another Gospel

Galatians 1:8-9 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!