

FAQ 8

Where Does Israel Fit In ?

Q #8 What about Israel?

What is your position on Israel?

What is God's position on Israel? The Abrahamic Covenant was given before the Mosaic Covenant. Accepting New Testament revelation, we believe God's eternal covenant made the Old "obsolete" when Jesus Christ established it—the New Covenant—almost two thousand years ago. The book of Hebrews reveals the Old Covenant has been replaced with the New (eternal) Covenant in Jesus Christ (Heb. 8). As a result, even the offspring of Jacob **MUST** come through Jesus Christ. If they reject God's provision through Him, Scripture informs us they are still dead in their trespasses and sins. Although they are of the tribe of Jacob, they **MUST** come through the sheep gate. Like any other member of global society, they, too, must receive Jesus Christ and His provision before they are grafted back into the olive tree.

So are you saying you do not support Israel?

We support Jewish people (not the present-day Jewish [secular] State) as God supports the Jewish people. We *pray for the peace of Israel*, but mean by that prayer that we pray they would receive their Messiah—the One (and only One) who will bring peace to Israel. We pray they would also enter into God's only provision for sin. Read Romans 9 - 11. Read Hebrews 8 - 13. We support the Jewish people as we support the Gentile people. We call them to receive salvation from God through Messiah, Jesus Christ. Do we bless His people? Yes, in the sense of pleading with them to be saved, as we do the rest of His (unsaved) people—the Gentile people.

It seems as though you do not favor Israel. Again, is this the case?

Because eternal relationship with the only true God is found only in Jesus Christ, we favor Israel as much as we do any other people. We call them to reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ. If you mean (by the immediate question above) to ask if we favor the present State of Israel, then no—no more so than we do any other nation—because the current State of Israel does not acknowledge their Messiah. As a result, we first and foremost pray for the people of Israel's salvation. (Please note: There will be those who then label us "anti-Israel." This would be a false charge. We simply affirm the absolute importance of one's position before God: Is he/she in Jesus Christ or not is the test to try both one's state and one's scheme. One will not be right in the rest unless one is right with God through His only provision: the Son of God.) It is not a question of national heritage. The crucial issue of concern at this juncture is if individual people are in Jesus Christ.

As a result, we warn contemporary prophetic speakers who place wrongful emphasis on the State of Israel. Israel is not a nation under God any more than the United States is a nation

under God—both nations, through individual people, must be in Jesus Christ in order to receive God’s adoptive favor. That which matters is whether or not one’s name is written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. Is YOUR name written therein? Please, because eternity is a long time, [click here](#) and read the Good News pages.

One final related question on this topic: Since you seem to put aside God’s promises to His Covenant people, **is Israel in prophetic biblical literature?** (We highlight this actual question because we do not reject God’s promises to His Covenant people.)

YES. The New Testament revelation concerning the 144,000 (mentioned in Revelation 7 & 14) is clearly referencing members of these tribes of Israel. The recorded events (as opposed to the conjecture on these 144,000!) occur after the Revelation 6 event of the scrolling apart of the sky and before the Final Trumpet Rapture of the Church as recorded in Revelation chapters 11 & 14. They are called “first fruits” for a reason!

We also find many Old Testament passages stating God’s future promises to/dealings with Israel. While we believe many of the (yet to be fulfilled) unconditional promises made by God to Israel will most likely be realized during the millennial reign of Jesus Christ, this is a secondary concern for us given our audience scope and thematic emphases — God’s people’s (those in Jesus Christ - i.e., the New Covenant) preparedness for His Son’s glorious return AND the salvation of the lost (those who are still seeking relationship with God but who need to do so through God’s only provision: Jesus Christ).