

## **The Promised Covenant: Does it still belong to Israel or only to the Israel of God in Christ?**

(This is the most important distinction we need to have in order to have a revelatory understanding of things to come)

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Every doctrine, every interpretation of scripture, especially prophetic scripture, that we believe by faith, having “heard” the truth with spiritual ears and “seen” the truth with the eyes of our heart, hinges on our understanding that there is now, and always has been, only **ONE** redemptive covenant between God and man, the eternal covenant written in the blood of Jesus Christ, the mediator between God and man.

Thus, every man from Adam to the last millennial saint whose name is written in the Lamb’s book of life, is redeemed by this one covenant and none other.

No other covenant between God and man has provided redemption. The covenant of Law did not redeem national, ethnic Israel. It condemned them so that the promise given to Abraham would be inherited and fulfilled by only one man, Jesus of Nazareth, the sole, remnant of national, ethnic Israel who was then qualified as the Lamb of God, without spot or blemish, to be sacrificed for the sins of all men from Adam forward.

Anyone who teaches differently teaches heresy and doctrines of demons.

Some pastors are afraid to examine and talk about the debate between pre-tribulation and post-tribulation "rapture" theories, because it is emotional and divisive and may lead to the loss of members.

But, having debated the pre-tribulation/post-tribulation issue with some of the best and brightest, I have learned that this issue is non-debatable if the true issue is examined and taught.

My personal recommendation is that we should avoid the swordplay between these competing issues with their so-called "proof texts," and examine the source doctrine, which is our covenant relationship with the Father.

That examination, for those who have ears to “hear” and eyes to “see,” will condemn the Zionist (Jewish supremacy in the covenant of redemption) Dispensational (multiple covenants of redemption) doctrine as a lie straight out of the pits of hell, and subsequently every doctrinal and prophetic passage in

scripture will be illuminated by our spiritual and intellectual understanding that there is ONE eternal covenant of redemption between God and man in Christ, the mediator and High Priest of that covenant.

Those from Adam forward to the resurrection of Jesus Christ who currently reside in the heavenly realm were saved only on the basis of the Father's sovereign reckoning, and these are those whom our Lord revealed Himself to in the paradise portion of hades before He was resurrected.

Dispensationalism literally teaches that God has redeemed mankind through various covenants in different ages (different dispensations of redemption), and classic Dispensationalism teaches that the promises of God to Abraham will be fulfilled to national, ethnic Israel after God removes the church at the end of what they call the "age of grace," (i.e. the pre-tribulation resurrection-"rapture" of church only saints).

Historic Pre-millennialism as taught by the apostolic tradition and believed consistently by the entire church until the early nineteenth century, teaches that there is now, and always has been, only one redemptive covenant written in the blood of Jesus Christ into which all of the redeemed from Adam forward will ultimately be included.

The controversy, then, is not about how we interpret prophetic scripture, but what we believe about the doctrine of salvation.

Any error concerning this doctrine is, then, both **heresy** and "hearsay".

There are no scriptural themes or doctrines more important to Christians than the new covenant written in the blood of Jesus Christ. Our in-depth, Spirit-confirmed understanding of this doctrine is essential to our faith in every area of Christian life.

For that reason, the truth of God concerning our redemptive covenant in Christ has been secretly assaulted by the enemy of our souls, Satan, through a system of theology called Dispensationalism, introduced, but not originated by, John Nelson Darby at the Powerscourt Prophecy Conference in 1836.

(In an article titled, **Conspiracy Theory**, the entire origin of Dispensationalism is exposed for what it is)

Dispensational doctrine teaches that God has saved men through various covenants over the ages and that God's promise to Abraham will be fulfilled separately from the church to national, ethnic Israel ("all Israel") at the end of a seven-year tribulation.

It also teaches that the Laodicean church, the church that the Lord is currently threatening to spew out of His mouth (the church we fantasize as being

the lovely “bride of Christ” without spot or wrinkle), having failed in its commission, will be removed by the Lord so that He can discipline national, ethnic Israel and then bring them to redemption.

The pre-tribulation “rapture” theory is then the **poisoned fruit** that causes us to swallow the entire heretical dispensational system of theology, and most who believe in a pre-tribulation “rapture” do so because they do not have a Spirit-confirmed understanding of our redemptive covenant in Christ.

We want to believe the lie that we will be “raptured” before tribulation comes. And we don’t want to believe that the beloved authorities (the prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers) who have nourished us with the word of truth in many other ways, could possibly be deceived where this doctrine is concerned.

Yet, no earthly authority, regardless of anointing, is without error, and ultimately, we must seek **THE** Teacher for the absolute truth of God.

Those who have been given to the body of Christ to edify and equip us are, at best, good facilitators of His gifts. But they (and this author) are not beyond deception, and the fact that the church in America is divided into 1500+ denominations with varying doctrines and practices is proof of this statement and of our current condition.

The purpose of this commentary, then, is to present the simple but profound truth of God concerning our eternal covenant in Christ so that believers who have swallowed the poisoned fruit will be willing to spew it out again before the virulent spiritual disease of Dispensationalism leads to their apostasy when the unexpected trouble comes.

How American and western protestant evangelicals got caught up in this deceptive, heretical doctrine is a story I have revealed in “**Left Behind?**” But the immediate commentary focuses specifically on the dispensational distinctive that God will remove the church before the tribulation in order to dispense salvation to “all Israel,” falsely identified as national, ethnic Israel, but revealed by the Spirit of truth to be spiritual Israel, the body of Christ.

If, however, the scriptural text clearly reveals that there is now, and always has been, only one redemptive covenant, then the dispensational lie is exposed, and the believer will quickly grasp that he/she has been deceived.

And, with the dispensational scales removed from his/her eyes, the entirety of end times prophetic scripture will begin to fall into place just as the Lord has determined.

That which we call the “New Covenant,” though, is not new. It was conceived by God before the foundations of the world, and it was confirmed and fulfilled by the death and resurrection of the Son of Man and Son of God, Jesus Christ.

We find many other covenants in scripture, but we find **no other redemptive covenants**. None but Jesus of Nazareth was able to fulfill the Law. Therefore, none, other than Jesus of Nazareth can claim the covenant promises as they were given to Abraham.

Instead, all other men have been condemned by the Law, and unless they are included in Christ by grace through faith, they are still subject to the penalty of death under the original Adamic covenant. Thus, all mankind who died before the resurrection of Jesus Christ are included in Him spiritually, or not included in Him, on whatever basis God has sovereignly chosen.

There is, therefore, now no salvation available to national, ethnic Israel apart from faith in Jesus Christ, and there is no scriptural reason to expect the church to be “raptured” before the sound of the seventh trumpet and the shout of angels on the last day.

God’s relationship with man is now, always has been, and always will be through covenant. The original covenant with Adam was one of amazing blessing. Included in that covenant was unhindered communion with God, eternal life, freedom from sickness or disease, an abundance of everything needed for life, as well as authority over the natural creation.

Within this original covenant, the curse of which is still in place (i.e. spiritual death and eternal separation from the life and covenant blessings of God), contained a single prohibition and a penalty for choosing to do what was prohibited.

What God sought, and still seeks from His created spirit-being, man, is our free-will commitment to obey the revelation of His will, which is a choice, a choice of spiritual life in Christ (the eternal Covenant) or spiritual death through our continued participation in the penalty or “curse” of the Adamic covenant.

The modern protestant, evangelical church has complicated, confused, distorted, and denied the truth of God concerning the eternal covenant because of dispensational influence.

But a detailed study of God’s various covenants with men reveals the simple but profound truth that it has been God’s plan from before the foundation of the world that the only **redemptive** covenant of all the “elect” from Adam forward is the covenant between God, the Father, and Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Man and the Son of God, our High Priest, and the mediator of the eternal covenant between God and man.

Our participation in that sole eternal covenant has always been, is now, and always will be, through our incorporation into Christ, the mediator of the eternal covenant, by grace through faith.

***For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him...(Christ)..., and through Him...(Christ)...to reconcile all things to Himself...(the Father)..., having made peace through the blood of His...(Christ's)...cross. Colossians 1:20 NASB*** (inserts and emphasis are the author's)

But wait! How can that be since no man prior to the first advent of Christ had the opportunity to experience faith in Jesus Christ?

I will explain, but not before I set the cornerstone and foundation for this truth.

It should be of great interest to us that Adam was not prohibited to eat of the Tree of Life, which was a natural manifestation of the heavenly tree, Jesus Christ. And, if he had done so, all of his descendants would also have had eternal life in covenant with the Father through their participation in the Tree of Life, Jesus Christ.

It was Adam's passivity that allowed Satan the opportunity to tempt him, through a dialectic deception of Eve, to break the covenant prohibition of participating in the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, which was a natural manifestation of the one in whom evil was first found, Satan.

In His omniscience, the Father knew that Adam would fall from covenant status, though He did not cause Adam to fall. It was Adam's choice, just as it is our choice. Election is not in question here. The choice of one or the other has been made by every man and woman from Adam forward with the exception of those who are "reckoned" by God to be "righteous" because of their inability to choose.

These would include the unborn, young children, and those who are mentally incapacitated from birth.

But it does not automatically include those who have not heard the gospel. Paul makes it clear in Romans 1:18-32 that all men are without excuse, because God reveals Himself in what has been created. But we also know that it is God's sovereign right to "reckon" or impute righteousness (right standing in the covenant) to anyone on whatever basis of "faith" He requires of them.

***Then he...(Abraham)... believed in the LORD; and He...(God)... reckoned ... (imputed)...it...(Abraham's faith)...to him as righteousness. Genesis 15:6 NASB*** (inserts and emphasis are the author's)

Yet, most of those who would believe an appropriate presentation of the gospel, do not have a promise of God's election on the basis of their response to

Him apart from the gospel. These, therefore, are still under the curse of the broken Adamic covenant unless they hear and respond to the gospel.

In this regard it is interesting to note that the Father is, at this very time, calling significant numbers of the elect out from Islam through dreams and visions in which the sons of Ishmael are told, like Paul on the road to Damascus, to whom they must go and see in order to receive the gospel and be disciplined in the faith.

All men and women from Adam to the thief on the cross who were “reckoned” by God as “righteous” either because they were unable to choose (i.e. the unborn and young children) or because of their obedient faith response to God on whatever level He sovereignly required of them, will be “saved” (inherit the promise) on **the last day**. Their redemption, though, is only through the New Covenant (the eternal covenant) in Christ. They were not and will not be “saved” by any other means or any other covenant.

God demonstrated their future redemption in Christ to Adam and Eve by taking the lives of innocent animals to provide a “covering” of skins to hide their nakedness (i.e. sinfulness). This blood sacrifice was obviously taught to Abel who pleased God with his own blood sacrifice, but Cain, who offered a sacrifice of the works of his own hands (i.e. dead religious works), did not please God.

It is also interesting to note that all those who attempt to please God with religious works (i.e. the Pharisees and scribes) are frequently non-repentant when confronted by God, and they often demonstrate murderous intent against those who do respond to God by grace through faith. (i.e. Cain represents a type of the Pharisees, and Abel represents a type of Christ.)

Still, it was not the blood sacrifices themselves that “saved” Adam, Eve, and Abel. They were “reckoned” by God as “righteous” (like Abraham) because of their obedient faith response to the revealed will of the Father. But they were not “saved” until after the death of Jesus on the cross.

***Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Galatians 3:6 KJV***

When Jesus told the thief on the cross that he would be with Him that day in Paradise, we know that neither Jesus nor the thief went into the presence of the Father on that day. Where they went was the “Paradise” portion of Hades (the region of the dead), also known as “Abraham’s bosom” (the place of blessing). At that time Jesus revealed Himself as Messiah to all the men and women who had been “reckoned” by God as “righteous” from Adam all the way to the thief on the cross.

These then followed Jesus into the heavenly presence (just as all who die in Christ now go immediately into the heavenly presence of the Father) to await the completion of their salvation at the resurrection on **the last day** along with those who are still alive in Christ on that day, which is the true “rapture.”

Keep in mind that “the last day” is distinct from “**the day of the Lord.**” The last day is when Jesus appears in the clouds, and, at the sound of the seventh trumpet of the seventh seal, He orders His angels to gather His elect from the “four winds” (of the earth) and “from one end of the heavens to another.” (Matthew 24:31)

The day of the Lord comes after the last day. It is also known as “the great and terrible day of the Lord,” because His physical return to earth on the 10 Tishri day of atonement is also a day of retribution against His enemies.

The description of the Garden of Eden, the original land with specific boundaries given to Adam and his descendants, includes the Euphrates River (Genesis 2:14). It is no coincidence that the land promised to Abraham also includes everything from the Nile River to the Euphrates River (Genesis 5:18).

Adam was driven from this promised land because of disobedience, and Abraham was given the promise of the same land through faith. Thus, the fullness of the redemptive covenant in Christ was introduced in the promise to Abraham.

Included in the promise were: 1. descendants (a people); 2. the land (occupying what was originally the Garden of Eden); 3. a royal lineage, and: 4. the Spirit.

We need to note that it was always God’s plan, from before the foundations of the world, that His covenant relationship with man would be through the God-man (Son of God and Son of Man) who would uphold the covenant on behalf of man so that all men who are in Him by faith would ultimately receive the full benefits of the promise. (Matthew 25:34; Ephesians 1:4; Hebrews 4:3; Hebrews 9:6; Revelation 13:8)

***Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will...Ephesians 1:3-5***  
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The promise of the redemptive covenant given to Abraham included a restoration of the benefits of the original covenant with Adam. These included perfect communion with God, descendants, eternal life, and the blessed land.

What dispensationalists and others have missed in their presumptuous claim that God has dispensed salvation to men through various covenants over the ages is the obvious fact that the New Covenant, written in the blood of Jesus Christ, is the only redemptive covenant of God, and that it was planned and known by God before the creation.

What is demonstrated in scripture is that not even the Mosaic covenant, “the Law,” ever “saved” anyone. The last Adam, the Son of Man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Lamb of God without spot or blemish fulfilled all of the Law and the prophets as a man, and then was crucified as a scapegoat and an atoning sacrifice for the sins of all men from Adam forward until the end of the millennium.

But not even Jesus of Nazareth was “saved” by the Law. As a man who was born without original sin, because the Adamic sin nature is passed down through the seed of the man, not the woman, He did not require salvation. But His sinless walk as a man under the Law qualified Him to be the sinless Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world.

We also need to be aware that the ultimate fulfillment of our inheritance in Christ is the renewed (spiritual) earth and the city of God, the new Jerusalem. Thus, the promise included an eternity in communion with God, in company with the entirety of God’s adopted sons and daughters, in the blessed land, in the presence of our King and High Priest, Jesus Christ.

This promise given to Abraham was then passed down to his offspring as a promissory inheritance, but the intention of God, from the beginning, was that the literal inheritance of the promise (a people, a land, a royalty, and the Spirit) would only be fulfilled in Jesus, the Son of Man and the Son of God, the olive tree, who is the Tree of Life.

***Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and his seed. He does not say, “And to your seeds,” as referring to many, but rather to one. “And to your seed,” that is, Christ. Galatians 3:16 NASB*** (emphasis is the author’s)

This promissory inheritance was passed down from Abraham through Isaac, Jacob, and David to Mary. But it was the promissory inheritance that was passed down, not the fulfillment of the promise. That fulfillment was promised by God exclusively to Christ, and through Him, to those who are joint heirs with Him through the circumcision of the Spirit.

***For as many as are the...(covenant)... promises of God, in Him...(Christ)... they are yes; therefore also through Him...(Christ)... is our Amen...(our obedient faith response)... to the glory of God through us. 1 Corinthians 1:20 NASB*** (emphasis and inserts are the author’s)

There are, then, NO covenant promises to any individual or any people at any time, except as they are received in and through Christ.

*...by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which in other generations...(Old Testament)... was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs ...(of the Abrahamic covenant)...and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel...Ephesians 3:3-6 NASB (inserts and emphasis are the author's)*

The confusion for many these days, particularly aggravated by apostate and heretical dispensational teaching, is the question concerning what part national, ethnic Israel plays in the progression from the promise given to Abraham and his “seed,” Jesus Christ, through the Mosaic covenant (the Law) to the complete fulfillment of the promise in the eternal age.

The purpose of the Mosaic covenant (the Law) was not to provide salvation to national, ethnic Israel through the temple worship and sacrifice system, because the blood of bulls and goats cannot “save” anyone.

I’m not saying that no Israelites were “saved.” I’m saying that they were not “saved” by adherence to religious rules, ceremonies, and sacrifices. Those who were “saved” were “reckoned” as “righteous” on the basis of their individual faith responses to the revelation of God’s will to them individually.

What is adequately demonstrated throughout the Old Testament is that most of Abraham’s descendants were “cut off” from the olive tree (Jesus Christ), even most of those extremely religious Israelites who attempted to obey every jot and tittle of the Law were “cut off.”

The true people of God have always been a remnant. At one point the living remnant was down to a grand total of eight people, Noah and his family. Yet, we somehow have the picture in our minds that the majority of the Israelites were “saved” when the opposite is true.

***For if the inheritance is based on law, it is no longer based on a promise: but God has granted it to Abraham by means of a promise.***

***Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made.*** (The promise was made to the seed, Jesus of Nazareth, not to the entirety of national, ethnic Israel).

***Now a mediator is not for one party only; whereas God is only one.***

*Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin,...(condemned everyone)...so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Galatians 3:19-22 NASB*  
((emphasis and inserts are the author's)

When Moses presented the Law to the Israelites as a covenant agreement, the Israelites all ratified the agreement, saying, ***“All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do!”*** (Exodus 24)

At that exact point in time the title deed to, and final fulfillment of, the promise could only be received through perfect compliance with the Law by an Israelite.

The temple worship and sacrifice system did not provide redemption. The people of Israel still possessed temporary title to the promise, but none of them could obtain the inheritance itself. All those Israelites who lived and died before the resurrection of Christ who would eventually be included in the inheritance would do so only through God's sovereign election based on His “reckoning” or imputing to them of righteousness as they responded by faith to whatever measure of faith He sovereignly demanded of them.

But, at the same time, MANY were “cut off” or debauched from the olive tree (corporate spiritual Israel in Christ) and made strangers to the promised inheritance in Christ.

What the Mosaic covenant (the Law) accomplished was to make certain that the inheritance of the Abrahamic covenant (promise) was passed on to only one man, Jesus of Nazareth, because all others have failed to fulfill the Law.

He is, therefore, the only one to whom the promise is now given, and **He is the entire remnant and all that is left of national, ethnic Israel to directly inherit the promise.**

The Abrahamic covenant (promise), including a people, a land, a royalty, and the Spirit, can now only be received by those who are joint heirs with Him through the new birth whether received by faith or by God's sovereign reckoning.

National, ethnic Israel, from the time of the Lord's death and resurrection, was “cut off” from the promise, and redemption cannot and will not come to them except through faith in Jesus Christ.

In Genesis 12:3 God made a covenant promise to Abraham and his “seed” that He would bless those who blessed him and curse those who cursed him. The current, popular dispensational, pre-tribulation “rapture” view is that God's promise still belongs to national, ethnic Israel today. If America, for instance,

turns its back on Israel, as many believe national America (USA) is already doing, will we be cursed?

America, like any other nation, may come under God's judgment for various reasons, but the unconditional promise of Genesis 12:3 now applies only to "spiritual Israel," the body of Christ. And the curse now applies to those who persecute the church, not national, ethnic Israel. (For a list of countries that are now subject to this covenant curse go to the website for Open Doors or one of the other worldwide ministries providing aid to persecuted Christians.)

The blessings, too, apply now to those who bless the body of Christ wherever it exists, whether in Israel or America. This will be particularly important during the final years of tribulation, and the judgment of the "sheep" and "goat" nations (Matthew 25:31-46) will be based on whether they blessed or persecuted the body of Christ during the final 3.5 years of the age.

When I hear Christians referring to national, ethnic Israel as "the chosen people" or as "God's covenant people," it grieves my spirit; not because I have any antipathy toward them, but because it is not true. They **were** the "chosen people," and they **were** "God's covenant people," but, apart from those who are "in Christ," they are now "cut off" and strangers to the covenant and the promises of God in Christ.

***...for if God did not spare the natural branches...(the Israelites)..., He will not spare you, either. Behold then, the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness: otherwise you also will be cut off.***

***And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in...(to the New Covenant)..., for God is able to graft them in again. Romans 11:21-23 NASB (emphasis is the author's)***

The scripture most often quoted by dispensationalists for believing that national, ethnic Israel will experience salvation on the day of the Lord (after Har-Megiddo) is Romans 11:26a, but this must be interpreted as following Romans 11:21-23 quoted above, and in regard to our knowledge that "all Israel" is no longer, national, ethnic Israel. "All Israel" is now the Israel of God, covenant Israel, consisting only of those living and dead who are, or will be, in Christ.

***...and so all Israel will be saved. Romans 11:26a NASB***

"All Israel" (i.e. spiritual Israel) will indeed be saved on "the last day", but those national, ethnic Jews who are not in Christ on that day will not be resurrected. Scripture does reveal that all national, ethnic Israel will see and recognize Jesus of Nazareth on the great and terrible day of the Lord as the

Messiah. But if they are supposed to be saved on the great and terrible day of the Lord, as He returns to the Mount of Olives to destroy His enemies at Har-Megiddo, then they must survive the 3.5 years of great tribulation without taking the mark of the beast, and they must not be counted among the “goat” nations who have persecuted the Israel of God, the body of Christ, during that same period as their forefathers, the Pharisees and scribes did in the Lord’s own day.

Those who are saved on that day, then, are a remnant, not the entirety of national, ethnic Israel, and this remnant will enter into the millennial age as natural, regenerated men just as the “sheep” of the Gentiles will enter into the millennial age as natural, regenerated men if they receive Him at the time of His coming.

***And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD Will be delivered; For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem There will be those who escape, As the LORD has said, Even among the survivors whom the LORD calls. Joel 2:23 NASB***

Unfortunately, though, the Antichrist has a HUGE plan of deception and destruction for national, ethnic Israel during great tribulation, and many will not be saved.

But what about national, ethnic Israel inhabiting the land promised to Abraham?

A study of Old Testament history demonstrates that Israel never, at any time, possessed the entirety of the land from the Nile River to the Euphrates River as promised to Abraham. Their possession of a part of the promised land was, like the temple worship and sacrifice system, a temporary picture of the ultimate fulfillment, like the beneficiaries of a will being shown what they will inherit when the will is ultimately executed to whichever of the beneficiaries are qualified to receive the inheritance at that time (i.e. through Jesus Christ).

The Diaspora of national, ethnic Israel was, likewise, a demonstration of God’s displeasure, and proof that the original temporary possession was not a partial fulfillment of the promise.

This Diaspora in 70 A.D. after Titus, Prince of Rome, caused the temple to be destroyed was also foretold by Jesus in His rebuke of the Pharisees who did not recognize the time of their redemption.

***Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. And He said to them,***

***“Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.”***

Matthew 24:1,2 NASB

The return of Israel as a nation to Palestine in 1948, though it is a prophetic oracle,...(the “head” nation that was killed by the sword (war) and came back to life in 1948) is likewise, not a partial fulfillment of the promise to Israel, because, from the moment of His resurrection, the inheritance of the promise belongs only to Him, and all those who are in Him, living and dead, who are now “the Israel of God.” National, ethnic Israel no longer has an inheritance in the Abrahamic covenant apart from individual ethnic Jews who regain the inheritance through their faith in Jesus Christ.

***For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. But he is a ...spiritual, covenant...Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God. Romans 2:28,29***  
NASB

***For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. Galatians 6:15,16*** NASB

This completely exposes any teaching claiming that God will restore Israel as a nation and restore those who are racially identified as being “Jews” to covenant status unless they are in Christ by faith.

The return of national, ethnic Israel to a portion of the promised land, though, is an oracle of God related to God’s final **discipline** of national, ethnic Israel during which some, but not all, will be saved as they respond to the gospel message as it is preached in the streets of Jerusalem by the two witnesses. This revival in Israel, though, will be opposed by both Antichrist authorities and by the religious Jews.

The interpretation of Daniel 9:24-27 is important in regard to tribulation, but it has nothing to do with some separate salvation of national, ethnic Israel.

What we do not see, anywhere in Daniel 9:24-27 or any other scripture, is the wholesale redemption of national Israel, because “all Israel” is not national, ethnic Israel.

*For they are not all...(spititual)... Israel who are descended from Israel; nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED."*

*That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise...(in Christ)...are regarded as descendants.*

Romans 9:6-8 NASB (inserts are the author's)

*Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you...(in reference to national, ethnic Israel)..., and given to a nation ...(spiritual Israel, the body of Christ)...bringing forth the fruits...(of the kingdom of God)...**thereof.** Matthew 21:43 KJV*

What this obviously means as it relates to the dispensational distinctive of a pre-tribulation resurrection-“rapture” of church only saints, is that no such “secret rapture” will take place. We are here for the duration. Our commission is until the end of the age, until **the last day** resurrection of the saints of all time.

Therefore, pray for national, ethnic Israel that as many as possible will receive Christ before the last day. But banish the heretical, demon-inspired dispensational deception of a pre-tribulation “rapture” of the church from your minds and submit wholly to the discipline and anointing He is bringing to His true covenant people, the body of Christ, for these last days.

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