

Theme: In Christ, the True Israel, the church is the fulfillment of Old Testament Israel, the people of God.

I. Intro – Notes, Look Forward, & Review

- A. Note charts on back table (before text)
- B. Look forward – land, Israel to come (before text)
- C. Text today: the Israel of God???
- D. Last week – Reasons for church as fulfillment
 - 1. Motto & treasured possession
 - 2. Believers true seed of Abraham in Christ
 - 3. Believers true Jews and true circumcision
 - 4. Church & Israel – same covenant
 - 5. Church and Israel – same law
 - 6. Church and Israel – same Gospel
- E. Today – show essential unity of Church & Israel

II. Essential Unity of the Church & Israel

- A. Church & Israel: One Set of Covenant Titles (1 Pet 2:9-10)
 - 1. 1 Pet 2:9 & Exodus 19:5-6 & Is 43:20-21
 - a. Ex 19:5-6 – royal priesthood, holy nation
 - b. People belonging to God – Ex 19 or Is 43?

- c. Is 43:20-21 – chosen people, declaring praises
- 2. 1 Pet 2:10 and Hosea 1:6-2:1; 2:23
 - a. Not people, now people; not mercy, now mercy
 - b. Also note covenant motto
- B. Church & Israel: One Flock & Shepherd (Jn 10:16)
 - 1. Other sheep **not of this sheep pen** - Gentiles
 - 2. **One flock** and **one Shepherd**
- C. Church & Israel: One Tree (Romans 11:17-24)
 - 1. Israel – the original olive tree
 - 2. Believers grafted into **original tree**
 - 3. Unbelieving Jews broken off, can be regrafted
 - 4. Only one tree – not two!
- D. Church & Israel: One City (Revelation 21:9-14)
 - 1. Bride, wife of Lamb – the church!
 - 2. Church is the Holy City – Jerusalem
 - 3. Gates – twelve tribes of Israel
 - 4. Foundation – twelve apostles
- E. Church & Israel: One House/Temple (Eph 2:11-21)

1. Gentiles were far away/not citizens – now near
 2. The two are now one – no distinction
 3. Now we are fellow citizens w/ believing Jews
 4. Together we form one building/Temple of God
- F. Conclusion: The Israel of God (Galatians 6:15-16)
1. Physical circumcision means **nothing**
 2. Those who believe under peace – shalom
 3. Those who believe are the Israel of God

2. All God's promises to David – given to Church
3. All God's promises to Israel – given to Church!

The Church: The Fulfillment of Israel In Christ

Galatians 6:15-16

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III. Conclusion & Summary

- A. The church is the fulfillment of Israel
1. Does not replace – fulfills – like all other types
 2. Church is what Israel pointed to all along
 3. I don't call Church Israel – confuse w/ nation
- B. This has major impact on how we read OT
1. Fulfillment of God's promises to Israel found in Church
 2. Prophecy looks to church – not Israel the type
- C. Church is inheritor of God's promises to His people
1. All God's promises to Abraham – given to Church

- ✓ Believers are the seed of Abraham
- ✓ Believers are true Jews and the true circumcision
- ✓ Church & Israel have the same covenant
- ✓ Church and Israel have the same law
- ✓ Church and Israel have the same Gospel

But you are a chosen race, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, a **people for God's own possession**, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.. 1 Peter 2:9 NASB

'Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be **My own possession** among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; 6 and you shall be to Me a **kingdom of priests** and a **holy nation**.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel. Ex 19:5-6

But you are a **chosen people**, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a **people belonging to God**, that you may **declare the praises** of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9

The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to **my people, my chosen**, 21 the **people I formed for myself** that they may **proclaim my praise**. Isaiah 43:20-21

for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 Peter 2:10

Then she conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. And the LORD said to him, "Name her **Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have compassion** on the house of Israel, that I should ever forgive them. 7 "But I will have compassion on the house of Judah and deliver them by the LORD their God, and will not deliver them by bow, sword, battle, horses, or horsemen." 8 When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and gave birth to a son. 9 And the LORD said, "Name him **Lo-ammi, for you are not My people and I am not your God.**" 10 Yet the number of the sons of Israel Will be like the sand of the sea, Which cannot be measured or numbered; And it will come about that, in the place **Where it is said to them, "You are not My people," It will be said to them, "You are the sons of the living God."** 11 And the sons of Judah and the sons of Israel will be gathered together, And they will appoint for themselves one leader, And they will go up from the land, For great will be the day of Jezreel. 2:1 Say to your brothers, "**Ammi**," and to your sisters, "**Ruhamah**."... 23 "And I will sow her for Myself in the land. **I will also have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion, And I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they will say, 'Thou art my God!'"** 1:6-2:1; 2:23

I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, **and there shall be one flock and one shepherd**. John 10:16

17 If some of the branches have been broken off, and **you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root**, 18 do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. 19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." 20 Granted. **But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith**. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either. 22 Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. 23 **And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again**. 24 After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree! Romans 11:17-24

One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you **the bride, the wife of the Lamb**." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me **the Holy City, Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God. 11 It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. **On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel**. 13 There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. 14 **The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb**. Revelation 21:9-14

¹¹ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are **Gentiles** by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)-- ¹² remember that at that time you **were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world**. ¹³ But now **in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near** through the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who **has made the two one** and has **destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility**, ¹⁵ by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. **His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two**, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, **you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household**, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him **the whole building is joined together** and rises to become a **holy temple** in the Lord. ²² And in him you too **are being built together** to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. Ephesians 2:11-22