

*Doctrine on Israel Presented in Chart Format*

# ON THE COMMON- WEALTH OF ISRAEL

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| On Spiritual Israel vs Physical Israel                                                  | Is Israel spiritual or physical? Physical Israel, which can include saved and unsaved Jews, refers to the nation of Israel. Since the nation of Israel was off the scene for thousands of years, there are some inherent limitations in this regard. Spiritual refers to the spiritual realm of salvation. Once the ministry of Israel is in full force, I doubt they will be stressing the difference between physical and spiritual Israel. During Israel's hiatus, those getting saved were being added to Israel. | For the time being, there's no need to overdo the spiritual and physical aspects. As Israel continues to get developed, theologians will begin to grasp the theology better. |
| On the Covenant of Promise                                                              | Covenants, having a two-sided relationship, means both parties will have to come through with their part. God is faithful. God is always faithful. Therefore, He will always come through with His side. Even in unconditional covenants, there is responsibility on our side, but it's very doable. Promises from God will be fulfilled. With reference to a promise from God being fulfilled, where there are requirements to be fulfilled on our side, clear direction will be given in that regard.               | If you aren't saved, all you have is some temporal, physical enjoyments.                                                                                                     |
| On Having Hope in this World                                                            | Hope in this world is only rooted in Christ. You must be saved, and the only way to be saved is via Jesus Christ. Israel is going to be a visible token of that hope.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Israel's ministry is getting set up. Israel is not a sign of the end of the world.                                                                                           |
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# Questions on the Commonwealth of Israel

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| 5. Is there a difference between the commonwealth of Israel and the nation of Israel?       | 25. What is it about Israel that makes Israel so important? (Isaiah 49:6; 51:4; Acts 13:47) |
| 6. Are Gentiles added to Israel when they are saved here in the 21st century? (Eph 2:12)    | 26. Is adding your name to Israel a spiritual event or a physical event?                    |
| 7. Were Gentiles who got saved 1000 years ago added to Israel? (Eph 2:12)                   | 27. What is required on our side for our name to be added to Israel?                        |
| 8. Is it imperative to understand being added to Israel in order to be added to Israel?     | 28. What is it about the visibility of Israel that will be so important? <sup>4a</sup>      |
| 9. Do you have to be part of the Messianic Jewish movement in order to be saved?            | 29. What did Jesus call the land that Israel sits on during His ministry? (Matt 8:10)       |
| 10. Who do you have to go through in order to be saved? (John 14:6; Acts 4:12)              | 30. Will it be a temptation for the people of the future to confuse Israel with salvation?  |
| 11. Why was Israel not enjoying nation status during Jesus' ministry?                       | 31. Why would it be a temptation to confuse Israel with salvation?                          |
| 12. Why was Israel not enjoying nation status during the apostles' ministry?                | 32. What will Israel be doing in the upcoming era that Christianity has not done?           |
| 13. Why was Israel not enjoying nation status when the New Testament was written?           | 33. Was it important to keep Israel invisible during Christianity?                          |
| 14. Was it by design that Israel was not enjoying nation status in the first century?       | 34. During Christianity, was the saving gospel separated from the Jewish domain?            |
| 15. Was Christianity launched by God? Was Christianity the work of God? (Romans 11:25)      | 35. During Christianity, why was the gospel separated from the Jewish domain?               |
| 16. What was the purpose of Christianity? Was Christianity necessary?                       | 36. Can you be born into the Israel Ephesians 2:12 speaks of?                               |
| 17. Without the time called Christianity, what would happen during the first Israel of God? | 37. Can you be born into the kingdom of God?                                                |
| 18. How was Christianity recorded in the New Testament?                                     | 38. Why is man mesmerized with things you can see?                                          |
| 19. What happened when the Israelites in the Old Testament were cut off from Israel?        | 39. Is Acts 7:38 enough scripture to teach that Israel is the ἐκκλησία?                     |
| 20. Can believers in the current era get cut off from Israel? (Romans 11:22)                | 40. What is the difference between Israel and the ἐκκλησία?                                 |



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| 6. Are Gentiles added to Israel when they are saved here in the 21st century? (Eph 2:12)    | 26. Is adding your name to Israel a spiritual event or a physical event?                    |
| 7. Were Gentiles who got saved 1000 years ago added to Israel? (Eph 2:12)                   | 27. What is required on our side for our name to be added to Israel?                        |
| 8. Is it imperative to understand being added to Israel in order to be added to Israel?     | 28. What is it about the visibility of Israel that will be so important? <sup>4a</sup>      |
| 9. Do you have to be part of the Messianic Jewish movement in order to be saved?            | 29. What did Jesus call the land that Israel sits on during His ministry? (Matt 8:10)       |
| 10. Who do you have to go through in order to be saved? (John 14:6; Acts 4:12)              | 30. Will it be a temptation for the people of the future to confuse Israel with salvation?  |
| 11. Why was Israel not enjoying nation status during Jesus' ministry?                       | 31. Why would it be a temptation to confuse Israel with salvation?                          |
| 12. Why was Israel not enjoying nation status during the apostles' ministry?                | 32. What will Israel be doing in the upcoming era that Christianity has not done?           |
| 13. Why was Israel not enjoying nation status when the New Testament was written?           | 33. Was it important to keep Israel invisible during Christianity?                          |
| 14. Was it by design that Israel was not enjoying nation status in the first century?       | 34. During Christianity, was the saving gospel separated from the Jewish domain?            |
| 15. Was Christianity launched by God? Was Christianity the work of God? (Romans 11:25)      | 35. During Christianity, why was the gospel separated from the Jewish domain?               |
| 16. What was the purpose of Christianity? Was Christianity necessary?                       | 36. Can you be born into the Israel Ephesians 2:12 speaks of?                               |
| 17. Without the time called Christianity, what would happen during the first Israel of God? | 37. Can you be born into the kingdom of God?                                                |
| 18. How was Christianity recorded in the New Testament?                                     | 38. Why is man mesmerized with things you can see?                                          |
| 19. What happened when the Israelites in the Old Testament were cut off from Israel?        | 39. Is Acts 7:38 enough scripture to teach that Israel is the ἐκκλησία?                     |
| 20. Can believers in the current era get cut off from Israel? (Romans 11:22)                | 40. What is the difference between Israel and the ἐκκλησία?                                 |