



Doctrine: Israel  
From sermon 2.16.20

Read *Genesis 12:1-3*

Questions and Review from Sunday's sermon: God made an unconditional, unilateral, binding Covenant with Abraham and his descendents (through Isaac & Jacob). The Bible makes it clear, from cover-to-cover that they are God's chosen people. The Messiah would come through them. Although they've been grossly and repeatedly rebellious, God restores them and keeps His promise. No other people group has survived history like the Jews. They become the main focus of history and redemption when the Church is gone.

On Sunday, Pastor Skip posed a great question: why would we even have/need an entire doctrine on Israel? We (the Church/Christians) stand on their shoulders. We have been grafted into their family, not the other way around. There is blessing for supporting them and curse for harming them. See Romans 11:17-24

Review and Discuss why we study Abraham for our understanding of Israel. God sovereignly and unconditionally calls Abraham (a pagan Iraqi) to be His son, spokesman, and pioneer into the Promised Land. Abraham has Isaac. Isaac has Jacob. Jacob becomes Israel. Israel has 12 sons = the twelve tribes of Israel. Out of Jacob's fourth son (Judah) will come the Messiah.

Understanding the Name/Term

Name	Scripture	Notes
Israel	<i>Genesis 32:28</i>	he who struggles with God
Hebrew	<i>Genesis 10:21 &amp; 14:13</i>	Descendents of Eber, Noah's grandson
Jews	<i>2 Kings 25:25</i>	Literally :Those from "Judah", but came to identify all from Jacob's line.
Semite/Anti-Semitism	<i>Genesis 5:32</i>	from Hebrew "Shem"...Noah's son

Geographically, what was the Extent of God's Promise to Abraham? From the Nile to the Euphrates. See Genesis 15:18

How much does she currently control/occupy? Just a sliver and most of that is controversial.

Why do you think most of history and the contemporary world hate Israel/Jews? Various answers. They are God's chosen. The devil is always trying to thwart God's plan: Christ's first coming and His Second. They also hate the sovereign election and love for the Church.

Although New Heights fully embraces and practices a Reformed Theology, where do we fully disagree with Reformed Tradition? We do not believe Israel has fallen from God's grace and covenant. They are being restored (since 1948) and play the key role in End Times. By His grace, God will save members of every one of Israel's ancient tribes. The Land will be theirs in the Millennial Kingdom. = Israel is Israel and the Church is the Church

What were the 4 pivotal "Lessons from Israel" covered on Sunday?

1. Their current existence and prosperity is some of the greatest evidence of Biblical truth.
2. Keeping Israel literal is key to understanding Prophecy
3. Viewing their history confirms that God will chastise those He loves
4. If God can break His Covenant with Israel, we have no assurance of Salvation.