

WE WILL CONSIDER

- That the Jews are God's chosen people because of the promises God made to their father Abraham.
- Although the Jews rejected Jesus and were scattered through the world, one day they will be regathered to their land and Jesus will be their King.
- That the hope of Israel is the hope of all believers – God's coming Kingdom

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The Jews are still God's chosen People

God has a special relationship with the Jews, the children of Israel: "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth." (Deuteronomy 7:6) God's relationship with Israel is as sure as the cycle of day and night (Jeremiah 33:25-26). Even though Israel has been disobedient, God's plan with them has not finished yet (Romans 11:1-2).

Why is Israel so special?

Israel is special because they are descendants of Abraham, to whom God made special promises. God promised that Abraham would have many children, and that Abraham and they would inherit the land of Israel forever (Genesis 17:6-8). Abraham did have many children, and they have lived in part of the land promised to Abraham. But the promise to Abraham has not been completely fulfilled yet; this will not happen until Jesus comes back to the earth (Hebrews 11:13,39-40).

Israel's Disobedience and Punishment

God promised the children of Abraham, the nation of Israel, that if they obeyed Him, they would be blessed (Deuteronomy 28:1-14). At the same time, God explained that if they disobeyed, they would be punished by being driven from their land and scattered throughout the world. Israel was disobedient to God, and they were sent into Assyria and Babylon (2 Kings 17:6-18, 25:7-21).

Some faithful Jews came back to the land after 70 years in Babylon and rebuilt the Temple and the city of Jerusalem. They were ruled over by Persia and Greece. By the time Jesus was born, the Romans controlled the Jews and their land.

The Hope of Israel

When Jesus was born, many Jews were waiting for the Messiah, hoping that he would save them from Rome. God had promised King David that Israel would enjoy peace forever, and that David's son would rule over them (2 Samuel 7:10-16). The promised son of David who would rule Israel is Jesus Christ (Luke 1:31-33); but he did not come to save his people at his first coming (Hebrews 9:28).

Jesus' disciples did not understand that the restoration of Israel's kingdom was still in the future (Acts 1:6-7). But when Jesus ascended into heaven, it was explained to them "This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11) From then on, the disciples preached the hope of Israel, the gospel of the return of Christ and the Kingdom of God, through the whole world (Acts 28:20,31; Colossians 1:5-6).

The Jews Regathered to their Land

The Jews were scattered through the whole earth by the Romans in AD135. They have been severely persecuted throughout history.

Many prophecies in the Bible tell us that God did not completely cast away His people, but that one day Israel would be regathered back to the land (Jeremiah 30:10-11). Many Jews have recently returned to the land of Israel; in 1948 the State of Israel was proclaimed.

The Future

However, the prophecies about Israel have not been entirely fulfilled. Israel still does not own all the land promised to Abraham, and they do not live in peace under the rule of Jesus Christ as promised to King David.

The Bible prophesies another great war in Israel, involving all the nations of the world, during which Jesus will come and save the Jews from their enemies (Ezekiel 38:15-16,21-23; Zechariah 14:2-4). Then Israel will at last accept Jesus as their Messiah (Zechariah 12:9-10). Jews from throughout the world will return to the land of Israel, and the whole nation will return to God (Ezekiel 11:17-20).

The return of Christ will also bring salvation for God's faithful servants. Many of the dead will rise and be given glorious new bodies (Daniel 12:2-3), ruling the promised Kingdom with Christ. Eventually, God's glory will fill the earth (Numbers 14:21, Habakkuk 2:14).

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SUMMARY

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and were scattered throughout the world

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