

RESTORATION OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL



Restoration theology states that God's covenant with ethnic Israel remains irrevocable. This theology is supported by numerous Biblical references that promise Israel's preservation, regathering, and future spiritual renewal. There are a number of New and Old Testament references that support this position. Additionally, the Apostle Paul's insistence that Israel's calling is "irrevocable" and that they will be "grafted in again," supports the Nation of Israel's restoration. It is clear, God remains faithful to His covenant with Abraham while welcoming Gentiles into the same "olive tree" through Christ.

RESTORATION THEOLOGY

- God still has a distinct, irrevocable plan for ethnic Israel.
- God's covenant with Israel is irrevocable, and the Old and New Testament affirms a future national restoration.
- Israel's current unbelief is not final; a future national turning to Jesus Christ is promised.
- Jesus does not correct the expectation of a restored Israel; He only corrects the timing.
- The New Covenant is explicitly brought and taught to the nation of Israel first and then the Gentile Church.
- Romans 11 is the death blow to Replacement Theology.



REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY

- The Church has permanently replaced ethnic Israel in God's covenant plan.
- The Church is the "new Israel", inheriting Israel's promises because Israel rejected the Messiah.
- The promises to Abraham are fulfilled in Christ and shared by all believers, not ethnic Israel specifically.
- If the Mosaic covenant is obsolete, then Israel's covenantal distinctiveness has ended.
- Paul applies "Israel" to a mixed Jew-Gentile Christian community, suggesting the Church inherits Israel's identity.

SCATTERING THE NATION OF ISRAEL

- **Deuteronomy 28:64:** God says He will scatter Israel **among all nations**, from one end of the earth to the other.
- **Leviticus 26:33 (NASB):** God says, "I will **scatter among the nations**, and I will draw out a sword after you."
- **Ezekiel 36:19 (NASB):** "I also **scattered them among the nations**, and they were dispersed throughout the lands."
- **Jeremiah 9:16 (NASB):** "I will also **scatter them among the nations**, whom neither they nor their fathers have known."



REGATHERING THE NATION OF ISRAEL

- **Deuteronomy 30:3-4:** God will **gather from all the nations**. Even from the farthest horizon, He **will bring them back**.
- **Isaiah 43:5-6:** He brought children from east and **gathered** from west...brought sons **from afar** and daughters from the **ends of the earth**.
- **Ezekiel 36:24:** **Taken out of the nations**. Gathered from all the countries and **brought back into their own land**.
- **Jeremiah 31:10:** He scattered Israel and He will **gather them back** and watch over His flock like a shepherd.
- **Ezekiel 37:9-14:** A dead nation **brought back** to the land of Israel and they **will settle in their own land**.
- **Ezekiel 37:21:** He will take the Israelites **out of the nations** where they have gone... and He will **bring them back to their own land**.
- **Isaiah 66:8:** "....Can a country be born in a day or a nation be **brought forth in a moment?**" (Israel creation as a nation in 1948).



THE APOSTLE PAUL'S POSITION:

Book of Romans Chapter 11

- God has not rejected His people (**Romans 11:1-2**)
- Israel's calling is irrevocable (**Romans 11:29**)
- Israel's hardening is temporary (**Romans 11:25**)
- God will graft them back in (**Romans 11:23**)

Paul's logic is simple: If God broke His covenant with Israel, He would be unfaithful to His own promises. But God cannot lie (**Numbers 23:19**), so Israel still has a future.



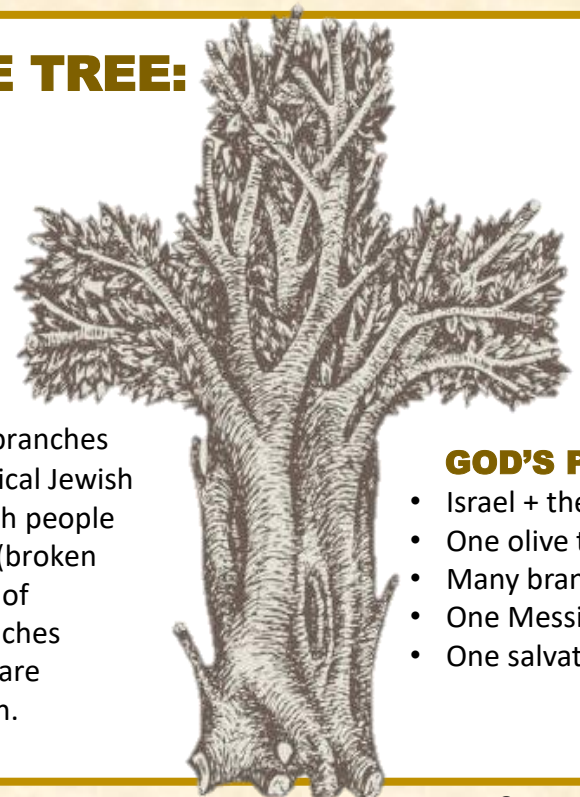
RESTORATION FORETOLD:

- **Acts 1:6-7:** "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said... "It is not for you to know the times..." Jesus doesn't address Israel's restoration; He only corrects the timing.
- **Luke 21:24:** "Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles **until** the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled." Key word is "until."
- **Jeremiah 31:31:** "The days are coming... when I will make a new covenant with the **people of Israel and with the people of Judah.**"
- **Hebrews 8:8:** "The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the **people of Israel and with the people of Judah.**" Hebrews uses Jeremiah connecting Old/New Testament
- **Romans 11:28-29:** ...as far as election is concerned, they are loved... for God's gifts and His call are **irrevocable.**"
- **Romans 11:25-26:** "Israel has experienced a hardening in part **until** the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved."
- **Leviticus 26:44:** "I will not reject them or abhor them so as to destroy them completely or break **My covenant with them.**"

THE OLIVE TREE:

Romans 11:17-24

The Olive Tree represents the covenant promises and spiritual heritage that began with Abraham. Natural branches represent the physical Jewish nation. Some Jewish people were "broken off" (broken branches) because of unbelief. Wild Branches (Gentile believers) are "grafted in" by faith.



GOD'S PLAN:

- Israel + the nations
- One olive tree
- Many branches
- One Messiah
- One salvation for all