

Israel and the Church

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Agenda

- Review the quiz
- Distinguishing between Israel and the Church
- Supersessionism
- Why is it important?



How are Israel and the Church different?

Israel

- A nation composed of a single race
- Includes saved and unsaved; in the end, only saved
- Levitical, Aaronic Priesthood
- Law of Moses

Church

- A “nation” composed of many nations and races
- Includes only saved
- Universal Priesthood after the order of Melchizadek
- Law of Christ/laws of Gentile nations



How are Israel and the Church the same?

- They are both part of the “people of God”.
- Paul describes the Church as being “grafted in”, while unbelieving Israel (as a nation) were “broken off” temporarily. (Romans 11)
- In New Jerusalem, the gates are named for the twelve tribes, while the foundation stones are named for the twelve apostles.



Romans 9

1 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit,

2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.

3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,

4 who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises,

5 whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.



Galatians 6:15-16

15 For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

16 And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, *and* upon the Israel of God.



Supercessionism

- Also called “Replacement Theology”, believes that God has permanently set aside Israel because they crucified the Messiah.
- As a result, all the promises related to Israel are now applied to the Church.
- Often used as the basis for Anti-Semitism.



Covenant Theology

- Covenant Theology believes that the ultimate purpose of God is to save mankind, and that all the saved throughout time constitute the Church.



Why is it important?

- If Israel and the Church are different, then parts of Scripture are written to each. To “rightly divide” the Word of Truth, we must begin by knowing to whom a given passage is written.
- Christians must respect the nation of Israel and never succumb to Anti-Semitism.
- Accurate eschatology depends upon a dispensational interpretation.
- Understanding the distinction guards us against Judaism and related beliefs.





- Patriarchs
- Law
- Incarnation

- Armageddon
- Judgments
- Satan Bound
- Kingdom
- Satan Loosed
- Gog-Magog
- Final Judgment

Dispensation: a period of time in which God dispenses His grace to mankind in a unique “economy”



Innocence

- Genesis 1-3:5
- God designates man to rule the world
- Nature is at peace
- Test: The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
- Satanic influence



Conscience

- Genesis 3:6 – Genesis 7; Romans 2:15; Romans 5:14; 1 Cor. 15:22
- God promises redemption; demonstrates substitutionary death.
- Satan usurps rule of the earth.
- Wickedness culminates in angelic plot of Genesis 6.
- Test: Obey moral conscience (no Law).



Government

- Genesis 8-11
- Capital punishment, and therefore human government, established.
- Animals fear man; man may eat animal flesh.
- Babel and the Table of Nations.
- Test: Govern in accordance with moral conscience.



Promise

- Genesis 12-Acts 13
- Periods
 - Patriarchs
 - Law
 - Kingdom Begins
 - Incarnation
 - Tribulation ← { CHURCH }
 - Kingdom Fulfilled



Age of Grace (the Church)

- The church, composed of both Jews and Gentiles on an equal basis, is the Body of the Messiah. (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 12:27)
- Jesus foretold the unique indwelling of Christ that would occur after Pentecost. (John 14:16-20; Col. 1:24-28)
- The church is described as a mystery. (Ephesians 3:1-6)
- During this dispensation, the “dividing wall” has come down between Jew and Gentile. (Eph. 2:14-16, 1 Cor. 12:13; cf. Is. 2:1-4; Gen. 12:3) Also see 1 Cor. 10:32.
- The Body of Christ has been given gifts for a special purpose. (Eph. 4: 1-16)



DOCTRINE OF THE RAPTURE

Rapture Declared:

- I Corinthians 15: 51-58
- I Thessalonians 4: 13-18; 5: 1-11
- II Thessalonians 2: 1-12
- Phil. 3: 20-21



Argument from Silence:

- The Church is mentioned 19 times in Revelation 1-3.
- It is not mentioned again in Revelation until Chapter 22.



Typology:

- Genesis 5: 21-24 (Enoch removed before the Flood)
- 2 Samuel (David, the rejected King, returns with his mighty men)
- 2 Kings (Elijah removed before the invasions that destroy Israel)

WHO: The Church

WHAT: Will be “caught up” (ἄρπάζω) (ἀποστασία)

WHERE: In the clouds

WHEN: Imminent! Soon!

WHY: To be with the Lord; to receive our resurrection bodies; to be judged (reward/discipline); to prepare for the Millennial reign of Christ

- The Rapture is the closing event of the Church Age.
- Following the Rapture, the Tribulation—the closing event of the Age of Israel—will commence. The Rapture will likely confuse the world that remains behind and lead to international crisis.
- Since the Rapture is imminent, there are no remaining signs to precede it.
- Other ideas concerning the Rapture include “no Rapture”, “mid-Trib Rapture”, “pre-wrath Rapture”, and “post-Trib Rapture”.

Michael vs Satan;
Satan cast out of Heaven

Rapture

(Unknown Day)

- * Mt 24: 7-8
- * Beginning of Sorrows
- * False Covenant (Dan 9: 27)
- * Seal Judgments (Rev 6)

- * Mt 24: 9-31
- * Great tribulation
- * Believing Israel flees
- * Unbelieving Israel into apostasy
- Trumpet Judgments
- Bowl Judgments

Second Advent
(Known Day)

“Do not be deceived!”

- * Age of Church
- * False Christs
- * Wars & Rumors of Wars
- * Mt 24: 4-6
- * FALSE signs of the Tribulation

- * Rise of Revived Roman Empire...
- * Sealing of the 144,000
- * Ministry of the Two Witnesses

Abomination of Desolation
(Mt 24:15
Dan 9:27)

- * Israel regathered
- * Judgement of Gentile nations (Sheep and goats)

“Daniel’s Seventieth Week”





Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven...
(Mt. 6:10)



Henceforth there is laid up
for me a crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous judge,
shall give me at that day: and not
to me only, but unto all them also
that love his appearing. (2 Tim 4:8)

The Kingdom

Your throne, O God,[fn] will last for ever and ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.
(Psalm 45:6)



Christ will fight to establish it

- Gird your sword on your side, you mighty one; clothe yourself with splendor and majesty. In your majesty ride forth victoriously in the cause of truth, humility and justice; let your right hand achieve awesome deeds. Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies; let the nations fall beneath your feet. (Psalm 45: 3-5)
- Revelation 19:11-21!



We will reign with him

- And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.” (Rev. 5:10) (Church)
- Revelation 20:4-6 (Trib and OT Saints)
- 2 Timothy 2:12 (Church)
- Matthew 25:14-30 (Israel)
- Luke 19:11-27 (Israel)
- Revelation 2: 24-27 (Church)



Government of the Kingdom

Israel

- David as regent (Jer. 30:8-9; Ez. 34: 23-24)
- Tribal leaders under regent (Ez. 45:8)
- Municipal rulers (Luke 19:17)
- Judges restored (Is.1:26)

Nations

- The Church will reign with Christ, and most likely will focus on the government of the nations.



The Law will be restored

- Temple rebuilt (Ezekiel 40-47)
- Zadokite Priesthood (Ez. 40:46)
- Blood Sacrifice (Ez. 43: 19-20)
- Universal participation in feasts (Zech. 14:16-19)



Life in the Kingdom

- All nations worshipping (Is. 2:2-3; 19:23-25)
- Joy and peace (Is. 9:3-7; Is. 12)
- Comfort (Jer. 31)
- Peace and prosperity (Is. 65:19-24)
- Nature restored (Is. 11: 1-9)
- Physical health and longevity (Is. 33:24; 65:20; Jer. 30:17)



Will be opposed

- Isaiah 45:22-24—All shall bow...
- Psalm 2—Rebellion simmers...
- Revelation 20:7-10—Rebellion unleashed!





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Dispensational Premillennialism

- Focus on the coming Kingdom
- Do not be afraid
- Inoculated from Judaizers, Anti-Semitism, and Supersessionism
- Cutting the Scriptures straight (ὀρθοτομέω)
- How then should we live?
- Message to the world

