

# Why are we aligned with Israel? Why should we support Israel?

**Romans 9-11**  
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**Introduction:** Why do we support Israel? These are the questions that the world is asking. Further, these are questions that many who claim to be Bible believing Christians are asking. The message tonight is designed to answer these and many other questions. Most people in defense or defiance of support for Israel point to Genesis 12:1-3.

“Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. (Genesis 12:1-3)

Let’s look at many questions being asked by those who question our support of Israel. We will list these questions as the “world view.”

## **I. World View: Because of One Verse in Genesis, We Have to Support Israel?**

We will see many verses tonight, but interestingly enough, the words were repeated almost verbatim by a Gentile prophet while obviously speaking about Israel.

“And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him.” (Numbers 24:2)

“He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.” (Numbers 24:9)

## **II. World View: Are You Sure That the Blessing to Abraham Means Israel? What About Ishmael?**

**A.** God promised to make Ishmael a great nation, but He was clear that the covenant would be with Isaac.

“And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.” (Genesis 17:18-21)

**B.** Later, God reaffirmed the covenant directly with Isaac.

And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; (Genesis 26:1-4)

**C.** God continued direct and indirect communication to the promised lineage. For context, please note the entire section of Genesis 28:1-4, and 10-17. Here is a portion of that passage: Genesis 28:13-15.

“And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.” (Genesis 28:10-15)

### **III. World View: All the Info is Old Testament! We Are in the New Testament Days. We Don't Follow the Old Testament!**

**A.** Well, Jesus did. Jesus quoted directly from the OT approximately 78 times referring to passages in 27 OT Books.

**B.** Jesus referenced or paraphrased the OT 258 times!

**C.** Note the last part of John 10:35 as Jesus was defending his deity “... the scripture cannot be broken;”

**D.** Paul clearly wrote that all Scripture is for our learning!

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.” (Romans 15:4)

“Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.” (1 Corinthians 10:11)

#### **IV. World View: Are You Sure That Today’s Israel is the Israel of the Bible?**

**Biblically**, God’s covenant with Israel was everlasting. God owns everything and He gave Israel a specific area of land. It was prophesied that Israel would be “scattered” from the land due to their disobedience but would be “gathered” again to that same land one day.

**Prophetically**, Jesus will reign in Jerusalem! And according to the last verses in Matthew chapter 25, Jesus will bless those who have blessed the Jews and will punish those who did not!

**Historically**, the Jews were exiled by Assyria and Babylon and then after returning, were later exiled by Rome, as Jesus prophesied, in AD 70. Ezekiel prophesied the return that we calculate on our calendar as 1948. History records this date. God has been gathering Israel as prophesied since 1948.

**Scientifically**, our modern technology (DNA aligned with historical accounts) confirm Israel.

So yes, Biblically, prophetically, historically, and even scientifically, we are 100% sure that today’s Israel is the Israel of the Bible!

#### **V. World View: Does Israel Do Everything Right? They Don’t Even Believe in Jesus! Didn’t the Church Replace Israel?**

No one does everything right. The point is we must understand God’s plan and His teaching. Romans chapters 9-11 answer many of today’s questions:

Israel (past, present, and future)

Gentiles

Salvation

Let’s look at a few of the verses from **chapter 11**:

**Verse 1**: God has not cast away his people. It is true that Israel has moved away from the Lord, but God still has a plan for them just as he has a separate plan for the church.

**Verse 11:** Israel has stumbled, but has not entirely fallen without hope. They have a free will and rejected God, so God in his wisdom and sovereignty, used their unbelief for salvation to come to the Gentiles! And in fact, many Gentiles are saved! Then, God in His continuing wisdom, used the salvation of the Gentiles to provoke the Jews to jealousy, and one day ultimately back to Him!

**Verse 23:** Note that the day Israel believes, they will be grafted back in again! This clearly means that Jews can and will be saved one day. When is that day?

**Verse 25:** Paul now shows us a mystery, called the “blindness in part” that has happened to Israel. Simply put, this is Israel’s continued rejection of Jesus Christ. In God’s foreknowledge, He states that this will continue throughout the church age. It is a blindness in part, which means that while most of Israel does not trust Christ, some will in fact accept Jesus as their Savior. We should note conversely, that just because Gentiles “generally” have accepted Christ, it does not mean that all Gentiles are saved. We see many verses in the Book of Romans about salvation, for example, 10:9 clearly tells us that it is the individual’s belief in Christ that brings salvation, not their heritage.

Paul repeats the promise for emphasis. In Chapter 11:32, God concludes that all are in unbelief, both Jew and Gentile. In verse 30, he speaks to the Gentile that while in times past Gentiles were in unbelief, that they obtained salvation “through their (Israel’s) unbelief! Then in verse 31, he notes that this is so that through our salvation (and their jealousy, vs. 11), Israel will in fact one day believe!

**Conclusion:** We support Israel for many reasons. Not the least of which is that God is using Israel for the salvation of the Gentiles! And in turn, God will use the salvation of the Gentiles to save Israel!

Paul was no doubt overflowing in emotion as he wrote in Romans 11:33, “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!”