

Why Should We Care About Israel?

Reason One - God **created this nation to be a blessing to the world** through Abraham.

Genesis 12:1-3 The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. 2 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Reason Two - God **gave a specific land to them** to use as a platform for his message.

Genesis 13:14-15 The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. 15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever."

Reason Three : We need to understand the **Hebraic roots of our faith**.

Reason Four - God will **keep His promises to Israel and to us**.

Promise # 1 : To Return **the Jews Back to the Land**

Amos 9:14-15 and I will bring my people Israel back from exile. "They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them," says the LORD your God.

Promise # 2 : To Restore **their Land**

Ezekiel 36:11, 34-35 " I will increase the number of people and animals living on you, and they will be fruitful and become numerous. I will settle people on you as in the past and will make you prosper more than before. Then you will know that I am the LORD. 34 The desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass through it. 35 They will say, "This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden; the cities that were lying in ruins, desolate and destroyed, are now fortified and inhabited."

Promise # 3 : To Reawaken **the Jews to the Gospel**

Romans 9:3 For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel.

Romans 10:1 My heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.

Romans 11:23-27 And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to

graft them in again. 24 After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree! 25 I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, 26 and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. 27 And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."

Jeremiah 31:31 "The time is coming" declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers...."

Additional Study

Monday	Romans 9
Tuesday	Romans 10
Wednesday	Romans 11
Thursday	Jeremiah 31
Friday	Ezekiel 36