

Revelation Supplement 10.14.18

Note: The discussion uses a document comparing Covenant Theology and Dispensational Theology.

It is found here: <http://www.the-highway.com/covenant-vs-dispensational.html>

Word Israel is in NIV 2431 times, 2344 OT, 87 NT

Abraham - Isaac (Ishmael) - Jacob (Esau) (Gen 25:21-34) - Jacob's name changed to Israel (Gen 32:28) - 12 sons (tribes) of Israel

Israel can mean

- 1) The man Israel or Jacob - a person
- 2) The people descended from Jacob - a group of people
- 3) The actual country in SW Asia - a plot of ground
- 4) The former Northern kingdom of Israel as opposed to Judah
- 5) The actual people who will go to heaven - true Israel or spiritual Israel

The challenge in Scripture interpretation is distinguishing between national Israel and spiritual Israel throughout the OT and NT. This discussion also relies heavily on how a person believes the OT relates to the NT.

Some possible views: dispensationalism, covenant theology, Lutheran, dual covenant theology, new covenant theology, are a few options

Who goes to heaven?

- 1) John 14:6
- 2) 1 John 2:22-23
- 3) There is no salvation outside of accepting Jesus Christ as the Messiah

Many if not most national Israelites reject Jesus as the Messiah

Pertinent Verses

- 1) Romans 9:6-8 - shows there is more than one definition for the term Israel; the natural children are different from the children of the promise
- 2) Romans 9:30-32 - Israel has not attained righteousness, but some Gentiles have because righteousness comes only through faith
- 3) Romans 11:1-5 - notice the national Israelites reject God, but there is a remnant chosen by grace; some national Israelites will be saved
- 4) Romans 11:25-26 - will all of national Israel be saved even if most of them reject Jesus as the Messiah - no way
- 5) Galatians 3:6-7 - people who believe are children of Abraham (true Israel); all nations are blessed through Abraham
- 6) Galatians 3:14 - the blessing given to Abraham comes to the Gentiles through faith
- 7) Galatians 3:26-29 - if you belong to Christ, you are Abraham's seed whether you are Jew or Gentile - sons of God, heirs to the promise, Abraham's seed - does this mean all the promises given to Israel in the OT? I don't know but it shows more than one meaning for Israel
- 8) Galatians 6:16 - the Israel of God
- 9) Ephesians 2:11-22 - you can see that national Israel is now combined with spiritual Israel in Jesus Christ (12-13); we are no longer foreigners (19-20) but fellow citizens