

A literal Future for Israel

Separation/Dispensational Theology makes a distinction between Israel and the church. This system is based upon a plain, ordinary understanding of biblical passages related to a future Israel to make this case. It is reasonable to conclude from a plain reading of Scripture that God has a future literal plan for Israel to possess and live in her land. The biblical covenants relate to this literal promise to Israel. The Old Testament prophets declared this literal future for God's chosen people, Israel, throughout their prophecies. To illustrate this, let's survey prophecies from the book of Jeremiah.

The prophet Jeremiah declared a literal future for the united nation of Israel. The nation of Judah was about to be overrun by Babylon, due to their unfaithfulness to the Lord. God invited them to repent, once again promising that a future repentant nation will turn to God.

At that time, they shall call Jerusalem 'The Throne of the Lord,' and all the nations will be gathered to it, to Jerusalem, for the name of the Lord; nor shall they walk anymore after the stubbornness of their evil heart. In those days the house of Judah will walk with the house of Israel, and they will come together from the land of the north to the land that I gave your fathers as an inheritance (Jeremiah 3:17-18).

This sounds like God is going to regather all of His people, both Israel and Judah, in some future time to the land He originally promised to Abraham.

God declared that days are coming in the future when He will bring up *the sons of Israel from the land of the north and from all the countries where he has banished them. For I will restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers (Jeremiah 16:15).*

God also declared that *days are coming...when I shall raise up for David a righteous Branch; and He will reign as king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely; and this is His name by which He will be called, 'The Lord our righteousness' (Jeremiah 23:5-6).*

This sounds like God will regather His people to the land of Israel where they will live and Christ will reign.

A plain reading of Scripture taken at-face-value leads to the conclusion that the meaning of the biblical authors is a literal future for Israel.

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