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**Covenant - Who
Are the True
Covenant People
of God?**



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Who Are the True Covenant People of God?

Many today assume that the modern nation of Israel, established in 1948, is a continuation of the biblical Israel. But the New Testament reveals a different truth. As a Preterist, I stand on the completed work of Christ and the full fulfillment of prophecy. Scripture shows us that the true Israel of God is not determined by race, land, or lineage, but by faith in Jesus Christ.

Let's walk through the biblical case:

1. Not All Israel Is Israel

Romans 9:6-8: "But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel, nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: 'through Isaac your descendants shall be named.' That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants."

Paul makes it clear that physical descent from Abraham does not determine covenant status. God's promises were always centered on the *children of the promise*, not the flesh.

2. The True Sons of Abraham Are Those of Faith

Galatians 3:7: "Therefore, recognize that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham."

Galatians 3:28-29: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise."

The gospel shattered racial, national, and ethnic barriers. Whether Jew or Gentile, in Christ we become Abraham's seed. That is the only covenant line that matters under the New Covenant.

3. The Flesh Counts for Nothing

Philippians 3:3: "For we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and take pride in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh."

Paul, a Hebrew of Hebrews, discarded his fleshly status as worthless compared to being found in Christ. He says we are the true circumcision – those in Christ, not those in physical Israel.

4. The Old Covenant Is Obsolete

Hebrews 8:13: "When He said, 'A new covenant,' He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is about to disappear."

The Old Covenant was already decaying and ready to vanish when Hebrews was written. By 70 AD, with the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem, the Old Covenant formally ended.

5. The Kingdom Was Taken from Old Covenant Israel

Matthew 21:43: "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruit."

Jesus was speaking to the Jewish leaders. He prophesied that the kingdom would be taken from them and given to another people – the church, the body of Christ, composed of believing Jews and Gentiles.

6. So What About Modern Israel?

Ethnic Jews in the land of Israel today are not God's covenant people simply because of their ancestry.

The physical land, race, or genealogical descent does not give them a special covenant status.

Unless they are in Christ, they are outside the New Covenant – just like any Gentile.

Conclusion: The Covenant People Are in Christ Alone

The New Testament redefines Israel around Jesus Christ. The promises are fulfilled in Him and shared with those who are in Him.

The Old Covenant was fulfilled and passed away by 70 AD.

There is no longer a covenant nation after the flesh. The only covenant people today are the faithful in Christ – the true Israel of God.

Let us not be led by modern politics or traditions of men, but by the word of God. The New Covenant is not about a physical temple, land, or race. It is about a kingdom not of this world, a people born of the Spirit, and a promise fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

Galatians 6:15-16 "For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And all who will follow this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of

God."

That is who we are.

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