

**Studies in Biblical Theology**  
**What About Israel and the Church?**  
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Introduction  
Rom. 9:1-8

- I. Old Testament Israel was always bigger than nationality.
  - A. Abraham, the first Jew (Josh. 24:2)
  - B. Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 12:1-3)
  - C. Being a true Israelite was always more than physical descent and circumcision
  
- II. The Old Testament Also Foretold of the Inclusion of the Gentiles in the True Israel of God
  - A. Under Messiah's Reign (Psa. 2:8; 22:27; 67; 72:8-11; Zech. 2:10-11; 9:9-10)
  - B. In the Age of Messiah (Isa. 2:2-4; 19:21-25; 54:2-3; 56:6-8)
    1. Israel's God will worshiped by the nations (Psa. 67)
    2. The nation will belong to Zion (Psa. 87)
  
- III. Jesus Stated that the Kingdom would be taken away from the majority of Israel (represented by its unbelieving leaders) and given to another.

Matt. 8:11-12

Matt. 21:43-44

Matt. 23:37-24:1-2
  
- IV. At Pentecost, the Jewish remnant is gathered and the Gentiles are brought into the True Israel of God (a Jewish/Gentile remnant).
  - A. At Pentecost the scattered people of Israel are called to be Israel regathered
  
  - B. Regathered Israel then advances, bringing in both a Jewish remnant and the other sheep
  
- V. The Church, under the New Covenant, is the true Israel of God and Christians are true Jews.

Rom. 2:28-29; Gal 3:6-9, 28-29; Gal. 4:21-31; Eph. 2:11-12; Phil. 3:2-3; Heb. 12:22-24  
1 Pet. 2:9-10; Rev. 21:9-14; Gal. 6:16

## Some Implications

1. Interpreting the Word

2. Ecclesiology:

3. Missions:

4. Eschatology: