



# The New Testament Believer's Attitudes and Actions Toward the Nation of Israel

*Scripture Reading:*

**I Peter 2: 1-10**

# INTRODUCTION

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In the light of the ongoing antisemitism throughout history (see the book of Esther) and that continues around the world today, what should be attitude and actions of the Church toward the nation of Israel?

**Appropriate  
ATTITUDES  
Toward Israel  
Formed by  
Biblical  
Knowledge**

- **Know their history**

- Abraham and his physical offspring, though Isaac and then Jacob, have been chosen by God (at least 15s in the OT called “chosen”)
- God’s purpose for this choice was to reveal Himself and His will to all mankind through Israel during the OT era of human history.

## Appropriate Attitudes Toward Israel Formed by Biblical Knowledge (continued)

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- **Know that God has made 5 major covenants with Israel that He will cause to be fulfilled**
  - **Abrahamic Land Covenant**
  - **Mosaic Law Covenant**
  - **Palestinian Land Covenant**
  - **New Covenant with Israel and Judah**
  - **Eternal Covenant of Peace (between God and Israel)**

## Appropriate Attitudes Toward Israel Formed by Biblical Knowledge (continued)

**1. Know that the Church has NOT become Israel**

**2. Know that Israel has NOT become the Church**

**3. Know that Israel's covenants have NOT been transferred to the Church**

- “Replacement Theology” = Amillennial/Covenant theology’s selective use of the literal method of Bible interpretation

## Appropriate Attitudes Toward Israel Formed by Biblical Knowledge (continued)

**4. Know that Israel has been blinded to God's provision of salvation until the completion of the Church (the Rapture)**

- Rom 11:25, Acts 15:14

**5. Know that a remnant from Israel are being saved during Israel's general blindness**

- Rom 11:5,7

**6. Know that Jews that are saved today are NOT seen by God as Jews, but as part of the Church which is the Body of Christ**

- I Cor 10:32), Eph 2:14-15

## Appropriate Attitudes Toward Israel Formed by Biblical Knowledge (continued)

**7. Know that Israel as “God’s Chosen People” has temporarily been set aside -**

- Deut 14:2, Rom 11:11

**8. Know that “God’s Chosen People” today is the Church**

- I Pet 2:9-10

**9. Know that all Israel will be saved in the future**

- Rom 11:26-27

Appropriate  
ACTIONS  
Toward Israel  
by  
New  
Testament  
Believers

- **LIVE Eternal Life before All people**
  - Phil2:14-15
- **TELL** the gospel to all, including Jewish people
- **PRAY for Jewish people – Rom 11:5**
  - Pray for God’s peace for Israel
    - Individually, today – Rom 5:1
    - Collectively, as a nation in the light of the promise of Romans 11:26
    - For the “peace of Jerusalem” Ps 122:6 (which will be fulfilled when the Eternal Covenant of Peace between God and Israel is fulfilled)



# GOD'S COVENANTS WITH ISRAEL FULFILLED

## Abrahamic covenant (of land) Gen 15

- Unconditional

## Mosaic Covenant of Law Ex 19-20

- Conditional
- This covenant interrupted the potential to direct faith toward the unconditional land covenant

## Palestinian Covenant Deut 28-30

- Required Mosaic Law obedience in order to enter, maintain, and obtain ALL the promised land
- Israel has attempted to fulfill their obligations concerning this covenant for the last 3600 yrs

## Israels New Covenant Jer 31:31-34

- Unconditional
- God provides the ability for Israel to obey the more stringent Millennial Law (cf Mat 5-7), thus fulfilling the 1) Mosaic Law, 2) the Palestinian Land Covenant, and therefore 3) the Abrahamic land Covenant

## The Eternal Covenant of Peace (God and Israel Isa 54:10, Ezek 34:25, 37:26)

- Unconditional

# CONCLUSION

- Our **ATTITUDE** toward Israel should be one of desire for their spiritual well-being and fulfillment of God's covenants with her
- Our **ACTIONS** should be no greater, nor no less than God's revealed desire for us to be testimonies of God Life to the whole world!