

Appreciating The Role Of Israel In Our Salvation

I. Introduction:

A. This lesson has nothing to do with the modern day state of Israel, but rather Israel of Old that once were God's chosen people (**Exodus 19:1-6** and **II Samuel 7:23-24**).

1. Meaning, the direct descendants of Jacob who was called Israel (**Genesis 32:28**).

2. Jacob and Israel are interchangeable terms for his descendants (**Isaiah 10:20** and **Isaiah 14:1**).

B. It is easy for us to discount them because they "blew it" many times (**Deuteronomy 9:7**, **Deuteronomy 9:24**, **Deuteronomy 31:25-27**, **Jeremiah 32:30**, **Ezekiel 20:28-32**, and **Acts 7:50-53**). **Judah (**Hebrews 7:14**) was a decedent of Jacob, part of Israel (**Genesis 43:8**), but were divided from the days of Rehoboam son of Solomon and Jeroboam son of Nebat (**I Kings 12:1-33**).*

1. Don't forget God's view of their value (**Deuteronomy 7:6-8**, **Deuteronomy 10:15**, **Hosea 11:1**, and **Malachi 1:1-5**).

2. Jesus' showed this love (**Matthew 23:37**).

II. Body: There Are Things That Belong To The Peace Of Israel Of Old (**Luke 19:41-44**).

A. Unto them was committed the oracles of God (**Romans 3:1-2**).

1. They were given the word (**Psalms 147:19-20**).

2. They were trusted to pass it forward (**Psalms 78:5-8**).

B. God did not cast them away (**Psalms 94:14-15**).

1. The New Testament didn't change that (**Romans 11:1-5**).

2. Actually, God's intention was that the New Testament would lead to their complete restoration to Him (**Jeremiah 31:31-34**, **Hebrews 8:1-13**, and **Hebrews 10:1-18**).

3. Jesus sought them first (**Matthew 15:24** and **Luke 19:1-10**).

4. They had first priority with the Gospel of Christ (**Matthew 10:5-6** and **Acts 3:13-26**).

5. The Gentiles were not preached to until some time after the church was established (**Acts 10:1-11:18**), even though such was God's intention all along (**Genesis 22:18**, **Mark 16:15-16**, and **Acts 2:38-39**).

C. Understand that without Israel, and their place, there is no salvation for US today (**Romans 11:11-24**).

1. While the law and prophets were until John (**Luke 16:16**), the prophets still serve as part of our foundation (**Ephesians 2:11-22**).

2. They were given the law, the promises, and they gave us Jesus (**Romans 9:1-5**).

III. Conclusion: And so all Israel shall be saved (**Romans 11:25-36**).