

# ISRAEL & NATIONS In God's Masterplan

## I. God's Nature

1 John 4:7-8

Not "has" love but is – it is His DNA

Because He is love He sent Yeshua to bring a fallen humanity back to Himself:  
John 3:16

He wants everyone to be saved 2 Peter 3:9

Planned from the beginning 1 Peter 1:18-20

## II. His Love for Israel

When the time was right, God set His plan in motion. He called Abraham.

Through Abram/Abraham God was going to bless the world. Genesis 12:1-3

Great nation – Israel

"and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." – Israel will be a blessing to the nations; Heb = goyim (Gentiles)

God had a special relationship with Abraham, He considered him His friend  
Isaiah 41:8, 2 Chronicles 20:7

Out of Abraham, He created the nation of Israel and set His love upon them:  
Deuteronomy 7:7-8

Israel did nothing to deserve God's love. Deuteronomy 10:15, Jeremiah 31:2-4

Note – He was speaking to a backslidden nation but He said His love for them was "everlasting".

He called Israel His treasure Deuteronomy 7:6

God has a deep love for Israel.

As His people we must love what God loves, since He loves Israel, we too must love Israel.

## A. Covenant

God's love for Abraham and consequently, Israel led him to make covenant with them.



## **B. Patriarchs**

Genesis 17:7-8

He committed Himself to be their God, i.e., their supreme ruler, protector, and provider.

He also gave them the land of Canaan and this would be an everlasting possession.

“everlasting” = olam – beyond sight

Isaac – Genesis 26:2-5

Jacob – Genesis 28:13-15

Descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – the Jewish people.

God did not revoke their gifting and calling Romans 11:28-29

In spite of the religious leaders persecuting the church God still loved them because of the fathers i.e., because of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

God's love and his covenant go together; they are inseparable.

## **C. Moses & Israel – Exodus 24:7-8**

This covenant required Israel's response and obedience.

## **D. David – 2 Samuel 7:12-16**

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David's throne established forever – how? Through Yeshua, the Son of David

## **E. New Covenant**

God promised to make a new covenant with Israel – Jeremiah 31:31-33

This covenant will be with both the northern and southern kingdoms.

Fulfilled when Yeshua had the last Passover Seder with His disciples;

- He ratified it with His blood the next day on the cross
- The Holy Spirit came upon His disciples on the Day of Pentecost.

Holy Spirit wrote His law in the hearts of His people – evidenced by Peter's preaching.

The New Covenant was also made with Israel – all those at the Seder with Yeshua were Jewish.

- Validity



Highest human covenant – marriage; “till death do us part”

Yeshua said to the Sadducees regarding life after death: Mark 12:26-27

In God’s eyes Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are still alive therefore the covenant remains valid for all eternity.

## **F. Israel’s Calling**

Isaiah 43:10-11, Isaiah 44:8

God set-up Israel to be a witness to the nations

Because of this the god of this world hates them and has been trying to destroy them throughout the ages.

The Great Commission that Yeshua gave was not a new command but a reiteration of this calling,

Acts 1:8 The gospel was to start from Jerusalem because the disciples were all Jewish.

Romans 11:28-29

## **III. The Church**

### **A. Beginning**

But God also loves the Gentiles and wants everyone to be saved.

John 3:16-17, 2 Peter 3:9

To achieve this He created the church.

Church in Greek = ekklesia: those who are called out i.e. called out of the nations into His Kingdom.

He started with Jewish people: Acts 2:1, Acts 2:5  
The early church was completely Jewish.

It was born on a feast day celebrated by the Jews – Pentecost/Shavuot

Holy Spirit was poured out 120 Jewish disciples

The first converts were all Jewish – remained so until Acts 10 when Cornelius and family got saved almost 10 years after Acts 2.

Peter had to explain his visit to Cornelius’ house (Acts 11)

Acts 9 – God called Saul of Tarsus a.k.a. Paul the Apostle and gave him the mandate to go to the Gentiles. Acts 9:15



Paul went out into the Roman world; first to Asia Minor (Turkey) then later to Macedonia (Greece). (Acts 16)

To date there are about 2 billion believers in the world

## **B. The One New Man**

God did not create the church to be an entity that is separate from Israel. (which is what most Christians think)

Early Jewish disciples (Messianics) were called Notzrim or Nazarenes, or followers of "The Way", they were only called Christians 10 years after Pentecost. (Acts 11:26)

Adoption

God does not have any natural human sons, He only has adopted ones.

Israel – Exodus 4:22, Jeremiah 31:9, Hosea 11:1, Romans 9:4b

### **A. The Church – Ephesians 1:4-5**

#### **B. Common Ancestry**

Through Messiah, we share a common ancestry with Israel – Isaiah 51:1-2, Galatians 3:29 – Galatian church mostly Gentiles

#### **C. The commonwealth of Israel.**

Ephesians 2:11-17 – Brought near to God but also brought into the commonwealth of Israel.

Jew and Gentile made one in Christ.

We now share in the promises and covenants with Israel Ephesians 3:4-6

We have been grafted into the Olive Tree of Israel – Romans 11:17-21

God's Olive Tree has two sets of branches: Natural is Israel, and the in-grafted branches, the Gentiles. We get our nourishment from the root i.e. the covenants and the Word (in Paul's day the Tanakh).

God no longer sees two sets of people but one; Jew and Gentile are one in Messiah.

This does not mean that Israel is automatically saved.

## **IV. God's Plan**

### **A. Paul's eureka moment – Romans 11:31-33**

- Gospel went to the Jews – some believed others did not



- God sent the gospel to the Gentiles – some believed, others did not.
- So He told the Gentiles to bring the gospel to the Jews so that all would believe:

Romans 11:11-12

God saved us to make Israel jealous – consistent with the Old Testament:  
Hosea 2:23

God would scatter Israel to the nations and He would call Gentiles His people.

Romans 11:25-26 – When the church comes to full maturity, both numerically and spiritually, Israel will be saved.

## B. World revival

Israel's salvation leads to world revival Romans 11:12 NLT

Our unity will bring revival John 17:20-23

\*These: His Jewish disciples

\*Those who will believe: Gentiles

When these are one in Him the world will believe – revival

## V. What We Must Do

Pray for the preservation of Israel – Psalm 122:6

God promises that Israel will always be a nation – Jeremiah 31:35-37  
This was God's promise to Israel as they were going into captivity in Babylon

We pray that God's mercy and grace will be poured upon Israel including their salvation.

Sow the seed of the gospel in Jewish hearts – Romans 10:14-15

We must look for opportunities to do this

We can also support ministries that do it both within and outside of Israel.

When we do these things we are partnering with God in His overall plan of salvation for the world.

