

Who is Israel?

A common misnomer is that the people who claim to be Jews residing in the middle east are Israel.

This will make clear who Israel is.

First we begin to look at who Israel is by definition of the bible.

Let us go to the parable of the olive tree in Romans 11

Romans 11:17 And **if some of the branches be broken off**, and thou, being a **wild olive tree**, wert grafted in **among them**, and with them partakest of **the root and fatness of the olive tree**;

let us note some things

- 1.Branches broken off (Unbelieving Hebrews)
- 2.Branches grafted in ,wild olive tree (Gentile believers)
- 3.Root of the olive tree (Messiah)
4. Fatness of the olive tree (common wealth of Israel)

so we see here Unbelieving Hebrews were broken off from the olive tree.

This is reiterated again in verse 20,23

Romans 11:20 Well; because of **unbelief they were broken off**, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

Romans 11:23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for **God is able to graff them in again**.

So what were the unbelieving Hebrews broken off? Out of the common wealth of Israel.

This is also confirmed in the following verses.

Ephesians 2:11 Wherefore remember, that ye **being in time past Gentiles in the flesh**, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

The letter to the Ephesians were a Gentile congregation. This is describing the grafting that occurred. Notice it says in times past (before Christ came)



Ephesians 2:12 That at that **time ye were without Christ**, being **aliens from the commonwealth of Israel**, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

Common wealth politeia , Strongs G4174 From G4177 (“polity”); **citizenship; concretely a community**: - commonwealth, freedom.

So we see here in that time Gentiles were aliens(strangers) from the common wealth(Citizens) of Israel.

This means that at that time before Christ came they were aliens and strangers and not of Israel.

What happens when Christ came?

Ephesians 2:13 **But now in Christ Jesus** ye who sometimes **were far off are made nigh** by the blood of Christ.

You were strangers were brought into Israel by the blood of Jesus.

This is the grafting done also confirming that only those who are of Faith are of Israel by the Spirit and not by the flesh(birth).

Paul makes this clear that those of the community of Israel are not Israel if they are not in covenant of Christ.

Romans 9:6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. **For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:**

Romans 9:8 That is, They **which are the children of the flesh**, these **are not the children of God**: but the **children of the promise are counted for the seed**.

Only those who are of the promise (Christ) are counted for the seed.

Not those who are children of the flesh (birth Hebrews) are not the seed in Galatians 3:29

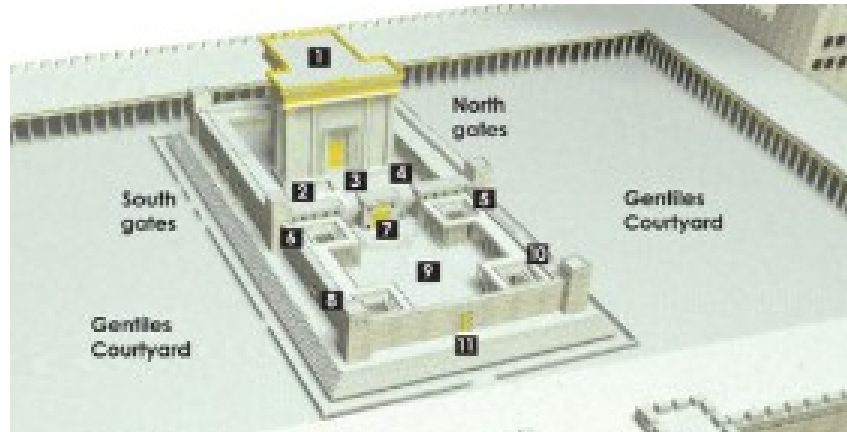
Gal 3:29 **And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

This is the Israel of God it is also known as the Church composed of believing Hebrews and believing Gentiles this is the true Israel.

Galatians 6:16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, **and upon the Israel of God.**

Now going into the temple of God explanation of the Church.

There used to be a separation wall between Gentiles and Israel.



The middle wall is the wall between the temple's inner courts and the gentile outer court.

Eph 2:14 For he is our peace, **who hath made both one**, and **hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us**;

made who both one?

Ephesians 2:12 That **at that time ye were without Christ**, being aliens from **the commonwealth of Israel**, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

The Gentiles who were not of Israel were brought in by the blood of Christ who tore down the middle wall and allowed for the Gentiles to come into the court of Israel making the both Israel.

This is seen in the promises of the land inheritance during the Messiah's reign.

Ezek 47:21 So shall ye divide this land unto you **according to the tribes of Israel**.

Ezek 47:22 And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to **the strangers that sojourn among you**, which shall beget children among you: and **they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel**; they shall have **inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel**.

Ezek 47:23 And it shall come to pass, that **in what tribe the stranger sojourneth**, there shall ye **give him his inheritance**, saith the Lord God.

Those Gentiles in the kingdom who are among the tribes are given native inheritance among the tribes of Israel as they would be as one born in the tribes.

What we are going to do for the end times is unite these two branches of Israel on the exodus.

Rev 11:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they **shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days**, clothed in sackcloth.

Rev 11:4 These are **the two olive trees**, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

This occur for 1260 days in the end times.

The exodus of old in the book of Acts Israel was called the Church in the wilderness.

Acts 7:38 This is he, that was in the **church in the wilderness** with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

This will be the same manner in the end times.

The exodus of Israel is the woman is in the end times is seen in the Revelation.

Rev 12:6 And **the woman fled into the wilderness**, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there **a thousand two hundred and threescore days**.

Rev 12:14 And to **the woman** were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

We see the Church as Israel going on another Exodus together.

This is because the Church is Israel.