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But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. (Psalm 47 : 6–7)

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Who Is Israel Today?

We delve into questions that has been brought our way.

“Are the Jews still God’s chosen people? Will the Jews have any special treatment at the end? If they are not accepting Christ, are they lost?”

These questions have caused many problems for Christians today. There are many “so called preachers” who teach that Israel is where Christ will return. They also teach that the people of Israel need to have land in Israel to return to for when He does return.

People believe that the Israelites of today still have the same promise as those of old. But, if this is the truth, what does that make Christ? To feel that Israel today is the same as Israel of yesteryears is to deny that Christ fulfilled the scriptures.

Of course, we as Christians, must know how to answer these issues. Whether you have run into this or not, you will. I have heard many people talk about what is going on in Israel today and how we need to save Israel in order to save Christianity.

Brethren, as we answer the questions posed to us today, I want you to consider a question of my own. If Israel is still the chosen people of God today, what does that make us? Let’s begin.

Who Is Israel Today?

- * What is Israel?

Genesis 12 : 1–3; 15 : 1, 4–5, 18–21

The promised land

- * Is Israel still the promised land?

Joshua 23 : 11–13, 16

Only if they remained faithful to God.

What do we know? - They did not.

- * Who is Israel?

Genesis 32 : 22–32—Jacob

II Kings 16 : 6—The Jews are the “Children of Israel”

- * Are the Israelites still God’s chosen people?

II Samuel 7 : 24—Is forever, forever with God?

Jeremiah 31 : 31–34— A new covenant is coming.

Isiah 42 : 1–6ff—the new covenant with old promises

- * What happened?

Israel forsook God, He did not abandon them.

- * So who are we?

Hebrews 12 5–6—we are the children of God;

We are spiritual Israel

- * Israel is no more than a nation and a nationality.