

Dispensationalism — Israel (God's People)

Exodus 3:10 NASB

Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, **so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.**"

Exodus 5:1 NASB

And afterward Moses and Aaron came and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD, **the God of Israel, 'Let My people go that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness.'**"

Exodus 7:4 NASB

When Pharaoh does not listen to you, then I will lay My hand on Egypt and bring out My hosts, **My people the sons of Israel, from the land of Egypt by great judgments.**

Leviticus 26:11-12 NASB

Moreover, I will make My dwelling among you, and My soul will not reject you. [12] **I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.**

1 Samuel 9:16-17 NASB

"About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over **My people Israel; and he will deliver My people from the hand of the Philistines.** For I have regarded **My people, because their cry has come to Me.**" [17] When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said to him, "Behold, the man of whom I spoke to you! **This one shall rule over My people.**"

2 Samuel 5:1-2 NASB

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. [2] Previously, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and in. And the LORD said to you, **'You will shepherd My people Israel, and you will be a ruler over Israel.'**"

2 Samuel 7:10-11 NASB

I will also appoint **a place for My people Israel** and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly, [11] even from the day that **I commanded judges to be over My people Israel;** and I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also declares to you that the LORD will make a house for you.

1 Kings 8:16 NASB

'Since the day that **I brought My people Israel from Egypt, I did not choose a city out of all the tribes of Israel in which to build a house that My name might be there, but I chose David to be over My people Israel.**'

Psalm 50:7 NASB

"Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you; I am God, your God.

Psalm 81:11-13 NASB

"But My people did not listen to My voice, And Israel did not obey Me. [12] "So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart, To walk in their own devices. [13] "Oh that **My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways!**"

Isaiah 51:4 NASB

"Pay attention to Me, O My people, And give ear to Me, O My nation; For a law will go forth from Me, And I will set My justice for a light of the peoples.

Jeremiah 7:12 NASB

"But go now to My place which was in Shiloh, where I made My name dwell at the first, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of **My people Israel.**"

Jeremiah 23:13 NASB

"Moreover, among the prophets of Samaria I saw an offensive thing: They prophesied by Baal and led **My people Israel astray.**"

Jeremiah 31:1 NASB

"At that time," declares the LORD, **"I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people."**

Ezekiel 28:25 NASB

'Thus says the Lord GOD, "**When I gather the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered**, and will manifest My holiness in them in the sight of the nations, then they will live in their land which I gave to My servant Jacob.

Ezekiel 34:30 NASB

Then they will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them, **and that they, the house of Israel, are My people**," declares **the Lord GOD**.

Ezekiel 38:14-15 NASB

"Therefore prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog, **'Thus says the Lord GOD, "On that day when My people Israel are living securely, will you not know it?** [15] You will come from your place out of the remote parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great assembly and a mighty army;

Ezekiel 39:7 NASB

"My holy name I will make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let My holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

Ezekiel 45:8 NASB

This shall be his land for a possession in Israel; so My princes shall no longer oppress My people, but they shall give the rest of the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes."

Amos 7:15 NASB

But the LORD took me from following the flock and the LORD said to me, **'Go prophesy to My people Israel.'**

Amos 8:2 NASB

He said, "What do you see, Amos?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." **Then the LORD said to me, "The end has come for My people Israel. I will spare them no longer.**

Zephaniah 2:9 NASB

"Therefore, as I live," declares the LORD of hosts, **The God of Israel**, "Surely Moab will be like Sodom And the sons of Ammon like Gomorrah- A place possessed by nettles and salt pits, And a perpetual desolation. **The remnant of My people will plunder them** And the remainder of **My nation will inherit them.**"

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Romans 9:1-5 NASB

I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit, [2] that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. [3] **For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,** [4] who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises, [5] whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Romans 11:1-2 NASB

I say then, **God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.** [2] God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

Romans 11:25-27 NASB

For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery-so that you will not be wise in your own estimation-that a **partial hardening has happened to Israel** until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; [26] and **so all Israel will be saved**; just as it is written, "The DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB." [27] "This IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, When I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."

"Despite the less frequent use of "nation," Israel as "the people of God" was a national entity. Acknowledging that the Old Testament does not provide a precise definition of a nation, Ronald E. Clements identifies three major elements that are relevant, namely, race, government, and territory. All three elements are evident in the Old Testament picture of Israel.

Even though, as previously noted, the common racial origin was expressed more in the concept of “people,” Israel traced its origin as a “nation” back to Abraham (cf. Ge 12:2; 17:6; 18:18). Likewise, beginning at Sinai, Israel had a government. In the Mosaic covenant, according to Martin Buber, “YHVH unites with Israel into a political, theo-political unity.” The request for a king “such as all the nations have” (1Sa 8:5) demonstrates not only the normal form of government for that time, but the inherent connection of government with the concept of a nation. The third main aspect of a nation involves the possession of its own territory (cf. Isa 36:18–20; Ps 105:44). The many promises about a land for the descendants of Abraham who would constitute the promised nation (cf. Ge 12:7; 17:5) and the later possession of that land under Joshua demonstrate that Israel also bore this mark of a nation.”

— Robert L. Saucy, *The Case for Progressive Dispensationalism: The Interface Between Dispensational and Non-Dispensational Theology* - eBook, (Zondervan Academic, 2010), 199.

“Yahweh took special interest in the geographical needs of Abraham’s numerous seed in his providential government of all nations..., for Israel was his elect people.”

— Meredith G. Kline, *Treaty of the Great King* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1963), 140.

“The specific occurrences of Israel in the New Testament number 17 in Paul’s epistles (of which 11 are in Romans), 12 in Matthew, 12 in Luke, 15 in Acts, 2 in Mark, 4 in John’s Gospel, 3 in Hebrews, and 3 in Revelation.”

— Robert L. Saucy, *The Case for Progressive Dispensationalism: The Interface Between Dispensational and Non-Dispensational Theology* - eBook, (Zondervan Academic, 2010), fn 22, 824.

“Israel stands for the people and also the land...The use of the word Israel in general clearly maintains the connection with the reality and hope of Israel.”

— R. Mayer, *Israel*, in *The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology*, vol. 2, ed. Colin Brown (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1976), 315.