

Dispensationalism — Israel (God's Relationship)

God's marriage relationship with Israel

1. God's marriage covenant with Israel Eze 16:8-14 The covenant at Sinai was seen as a form of marriage. See also Jer 31:32; Eze 16:59-60
2. God as Israel's husband Isa 54:5 See also Hos 2:7; Joel 1:8
3. Israel's early devotion Jer 2:2 See also Eze 16:43; Hos 2:15

The breakdown of God's marriage to Israel

1. Israel's adultery Jer 3:20 See also Jer 2:32; Eze 16:32-34; Hos 1:2; Hos 9:1
2. Israel's alienation from God is likened to a divorce Hos 2:2 Israel's unfaithfulness led to a form of divorce between God and his people. This was sometimes identified with the exile. See also Isa 50:1; Jer 3:6-10

The renewal of God's marriage to Israel

1. God calls his bride to return Jer 3:12-14; Hos 3:1-3 See also Isa 54:6-8; Hos 2:14
2. The renewed relationship Isa 62:4-5 See also Jer 31:31-33; Eze 16:62; Hos 2:16,19-20

Jesus Christ's marriage relationship with the church

1. Jesus Christ's love as a model for marriage Eph 5:25-33
2. Jesus Christ is described as a bridegroom Jn 3:29 John the Baptist describes Jesus Christ as the bridegroom and himself as the best man. See also Mt 9:15 pp Mk 2:19-20pp Lk 5:34-35; Mt 22:2; Mt 25:1-13
3. The church as Christ's bride 2Co 11:2; Rev 19:7-9 See also Rev 21:2,9-10; Rev 22:17