

NEW TESTAMENT ISRAEL

A FELLOWSHIP SPOKEN BY THE PROPHETS

*"Ye are the children of the prophets,
and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, ..."*

~ Acts 3:25

1. The Israel Problem

- a. Most of the Bible occurs in Israel - about Israel - through Israel (God's people)
- b. The problem: This is not the case today. What happened to Israel? God's promises?
- c. Popular attempts to resolve:
 - i. 1) They were all fulfilled by Jesus Christ in the past (the true Israel)
 - ii. 2) They are fulfilled by the NT church today (replacing Israel)
 - iii. 3) They will be fulfilled by OT Israel in the future (returning Israel)

2. What Dispensationalists Get Right

- a. Bible must be taken literally - God made unbreakable promises to *Israel* - Rom 9:4-8
- b. God's promises to Israel are unfulfilled - Rom 11:11-12, 15, 25-29
- c. The church today is not Israel - 1 Cor 10:32, 12:13, Gal 3:28, 6:15

3. What Covenanters Get Right

- a. We are not in the time for prophetic signs, tribulation - Matt 24:34
- b. The NT fulfills the OT - Matt 5:17, 26:28, Heb 9:15, 11:40, 1 Pet 1:12, 2 Cor 3
- c. Promises received by spiritual Israel - John 3:3-6, Rom 2:28-29, 1 Pet 2:5

4. The Mid-Acts Dispensational Correction

- a. Neither traditional position separates us from NT Israel.
- b. There is a New Testament Israel that is not us - 1 Pet 2:9-11, Heb 8:8-13
- c. New Testament Israel is the remnant of Israel in the OT - Acts 2:34-25, Rev 12:17
- d. Hebrew epistles are written to NT Israel, not the BoC - Gal 2:9, Jam 1:1, 1 Pet 1:1

5. New Testament Israel is not the Body of Christ

- a. The fellowship of New Testament Israel
 - i. Peter's fellowship - Acts 2:41-47, John's fellowship - 1 John 1:3-9
 - ii. They have the Holy Ghost to keep the laws - Acts 1:4-8, 2:33
 - iii. They seek a city to come and prepare for tribulation - Heb 13:14, 1 Pet 4:12, 17
 - iv. NT Israel is promised dominion on earth in Christ - Matt 6:10
- b. The fellowship of the mystery - Eph 2:15-18
 - i. Paul's fellowship: by grace not commandment - Eph 3:6-9
 - ii. The communion is with the body and blood (not a covenant) - 1 Cor 10:16
 - iii. There is no Jew nor Gentile, not under law, complete in Christ - Col 2:10, 3:11
 - iv. BoC is promised a heavenly position - Eph 2:6, Phi 3:10, but Eph 1:10
- c. Some spiritual things in common, but the remnant is not a new creature. Rom 15:27