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Clear New Testament Confirmation of God's Plan for the Jews



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Does God say anything in the New Testament about the future of the Jews? Of course He does, and that's because He wants us to know for certain that His promises to the Jews are still true. Here are some key verses:

Luke 24:45 – *"All things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."* Jesus needed to remind His disciples, and us, that all the things written in the Old Testament about Him would come true, which would include reigning as King over the world, and carrying out His promises to the Jews.

Romans 11:25-26 – *"A partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved."* These are the most crystal clear verses in the entire New Testament about the salvation of the Jews in the end times. It's going to happen, and it's after this church age is over, after the salvation of a great number of Gentiles.

Hebrews 11:10,13,16 – *"He (Abraham) was looking for the city which has foundations… All these died in faith without receiving the promises."* These verses once again prove that God's promise to the Jews about their land will be fulfilled, and this will take place after the end of this church age.

Luke 1:54-55 – *"He (God) has given help to Israel His servant, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and His descendants forever."* All the Jews knew about God's promise to Abraham, and now through Mary, God lets us know that He's not going back on His word – He will most definitely keep His promise!

Acts 3:20-21 – *"that He (God) may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets."* Here's another verse validating the truth of God's Old Testament promises to the Jews, that they would be blessed with land, and with a Kingdom that would be ruled by Christ Himself.

Revelation 11:15 – *"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and*

ever." God made this promise to David that one of His descendants would be King over Israel, and over the entire world, and it will finally be realized at the 7th trumpet, at the very end of Daniel's 70th week.

Luke 1:31-33 – *"You will conceive and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High… He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."* This is another confirmation of God's promise about His Son being the eternal King over this earth. And it was Mary's first-born son, Jesus, who would be the Son of God, in fulfillment of His promise to His people.

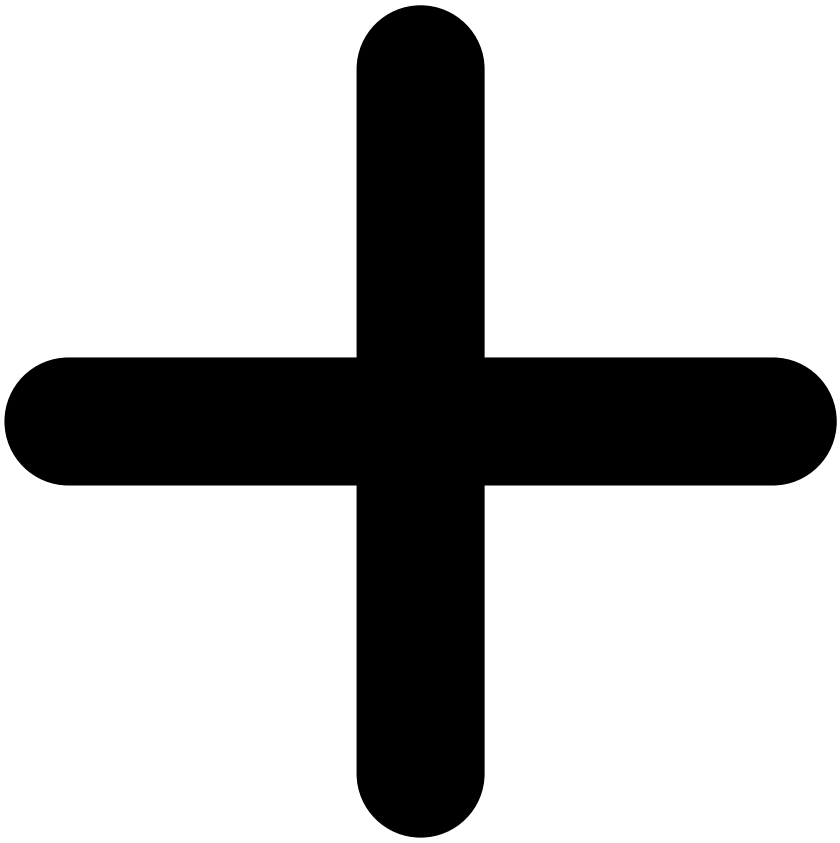
These verses were placed in the New Testament because God wants Christians living during this church age to know and be convinced of His future plans for the Jews. All these verses are clear confirmation that God has not nullified His plans for the Jews, but will faithfully carry them out. And there is nothing in the New Testament that negates God's promises to the Jews. Those who say there's no future for national, ethnic Israel are in error, for God never says that the church replaces Israel when it comes to the Old Testament promises. And in fact, here are some other New Testament verses that specifically relate to this subject of the Jews and their future: Matthew 23:37-39. Matthew 24:15-27. Mark 13:14-23. Luke 21:20-24. Luke 22:29-30. Luke 24:25. Acts 1:6-11. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-9. Revelation 7:1-8. Revelation 11:1-13. Revelation 12:5-17. As we look at the world around us, and as we closely examine the above passages, it's obvious that God's end time work with the Jews will soon be moving full speed ahead.

At this time, Christians should focus on the church. We are to also have our eyes open to what God is doing around us, and to know that the future of the church relates directly to the future of the Jews. God will not do His prophetic work with the Jews apart from His prophetic work with the church. Old Testament believers had promises for their land, their King, and their salvation, but they wouldn't see them realized apart from the New Testament saints. Hebrews 11:39-40 says it well,

"All these (Old Testament believers)*, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, because God had provided something better for us* (New Testament believers)*, so that apart from us* (New Testament believers) *they* (Old Testament believers) *would not be made perfect."*

Let me conclude by giving you the big picture perspective: Christ's 1st coming was transitioning God's work from the Jews to the church, and Christ's 2nd coming will be transitioning God's work from the church to both Old Testament believers and New Testament saints. That takes us into the next age, the millennial kingdom age.

P.S. I've just published a short article about the importance of the Word of God with a long list of some of my favorite verses: The Instructive, Commanding, Comforting and Encouraging Word of God!!!





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