

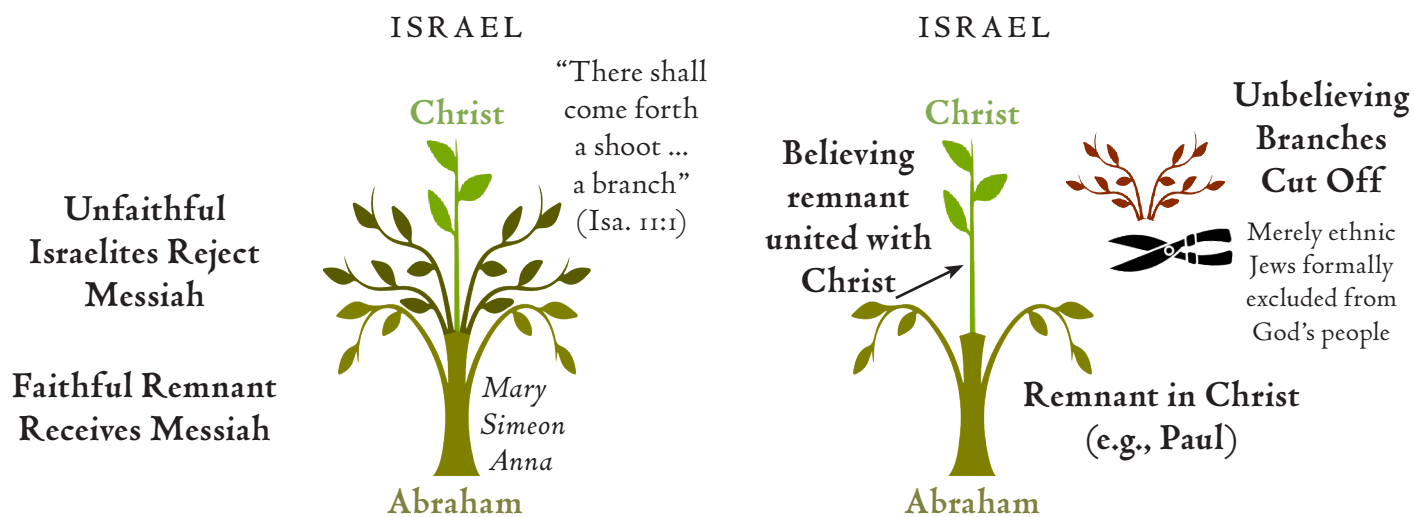
ISRAEL & THE GENTILES UNDER THE OLD COVENANT



"at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called 'the uncircumcision' by what is called the circumcision, ... were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world" (Eph. 2:11-12)

"in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Gen. 12:3); "I chose Israel" (Ezek. 20:5); "with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness" (1 Cor. 10:5) "circumcise yourselves to the Lord; remove the foreskin of your hearts" (Jer. 4:4)

CHRIST AND THE UNBELIEVING BRANCHES



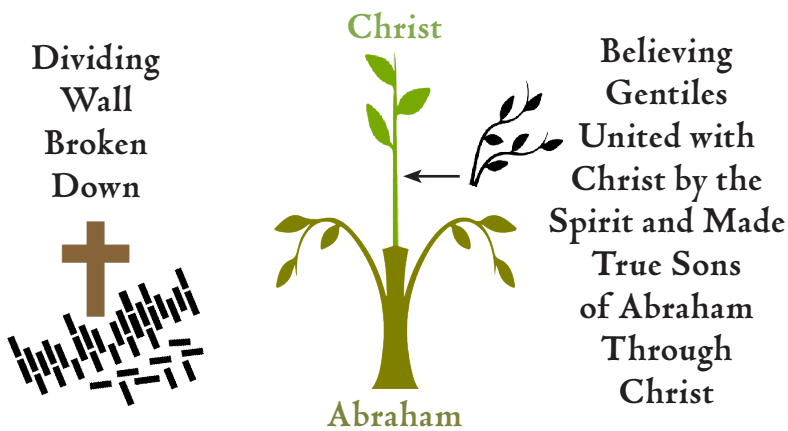
"He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him" (Jn. 1:11); "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, ... If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers" (Jn. 15:1-2, 6)

"the kingdom of God will be taken away from you" (Mt. 21:43); "some of the branches were broken off ... They were broken off because of their unbelief" (Rom. 11:17, 20); "has God rejected his people? By no means! ... at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace" (Rom. 11:1, 5)

THE CHURCH: THE ISRAEL OF GOD

ISRAEL

THE CHURCH (THE ISRAEL OF GOD)



The Church does NOT replace Israel; the Church IS Israel as it was always meant to be.

“you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ” (Eph. 2:13); “you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree” (Rom. 11:17); “If you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise” (Gal. 3:29); “no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter” (Rom. 2:28–29)

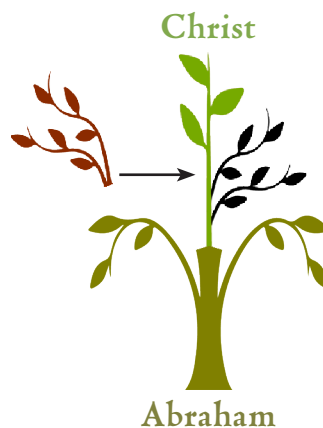
“For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility” (Eph. 2:14); “There is neither Jew nor Greek ... for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:28); “as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God” (Gal. 6:16); compare Exodus 19:5–6 and 1 Peter 2:9.

ETHNIC JEWS & THE CHURCH

All of God’s promises to Abraham and OT Israel are fulfilled in the Church—the Israel of God (Jew and Gentile made one in Christ). The church will inherit the promised land and the whole new earth!

THE CHURCH

Ethnic Jews (the Original/ Natural Branches) May Be Grafted Back in through Faith in Christ (the same way as Gentiles)



Future Ingathering of Ethnic Jews

Many ethnic Jews will someday believe and join the Church

“even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. ... how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.” (Rom. 11:23–24)

“a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way all Israel will be saved” (Rom. 11:25–26)