



I've wanted to talk about this for a long time. It's a question I get asked again and again: How should we as believers in Jesus Christ think about the Jewish people and the modern state of Israel? Are they biblically significant? Is modern Israel the same as biblical Israel? There's a lot of confusion about this today, even among Christians. So I want to use the Bible to answer this question. In Romans 9:4–5, notice the verbs are in the present tense—these blessings still belong to Israel today. The adoption, the glory, the covenants, the promises—these are still Israel's inheritance. Romans 11:28–29 says they're beloved for the sake of the fathers, and 'the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable.' The word "Israel" occurs 73 times in the New Testament, and in every case it refers to the physical descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—never the church. A lot of people want to spiritualize the word Israel and say the church is the "new Israel," but that's not what Scripture teaches. And here's a personal application from Dr. Michael Rydelnik's book: Just as God will keep His promises to the Jewish people, He will keep every promise to us. We serve a God who is faithful and true.