

## Is there a different salvation program for the nation of Israel?

There are many professing Christians who spend quite a bit of attention and energy on Israel as a nation and God's plan for them. For many of them, there is a commitment to Israel, as a historical and ancestral entity, as maintaining a special place with God and to whom God promised to save as a national and ancestral entity apart from Christ.

1. Why do people believe in a separate salvation program for ancestral Israel?

Romans **11:25-29**

Jeremiah **32:36-41**

Ezekiel **37:21-28**

Ezekiel **45:17-23**

God made promises to Israel that are interpreted as being for their salvation just for being a member of ancestral Israel and without anything linking the promises to faith in the Messiah of Israel. Furthermore, there are passages that refer to a restored Israel that has returned to the temple sacrifices and the offering up of the various offerings to the LORD.

2. Why do people believe in a single and unified salvation program for ancestral Israel and Gentile?

John **14:6**

John **10:7-10**

Ephesians **2:11-17**

Acts **4:10-12**

John **15:4-6**

Galatians **2:21**

Galatians **3:27-28**

Jesus made it clear that He is the only way to salvation. There is no law or any other relationship that can bring about salvation apart from faith in Christ. In order for those who are a part of ancestral Israel to be saved, they must turn to Christ and become a Christian.

3. What is lacking in one of the views that makes it less than acceptable?

Romans **2:28-29**

Galatians **3:29**

Romans **9:5-8**

Galatians **4:28-31**

Romans **4:13-16**

Romans **11:1-5**

Paul is clear when looking at the issue of ancestral Israel and salvation, the one who is saved is the one who is uncircumcised in heart (not flesh) and then one who is of the seed of Abraham by faith (not flesh). The fact that all Israel will be saved means that all who are of Israel by faith shall be saved. Physical ancestry has nothing to do with salvation. Regarding the promises from God to Israel will be kept by God. For the promises were not made to ancestral Israel but to the remnant Israel of faith. Paul identifies this when he identifies the reality of his own salvation and the fact that he is part of ancestral Israel.

4. What should Christians be doing regarding those who are of ancestral Israel?

2 Timothy **4:2-4**

Romans **11:18-24**

As Christians, we should not get arrogant and boastful against ancestral Israel but pray for them, preach the word of God to them and reach out to them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

