

How Should We Then Vote?
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Divine Institution #6:

**Israel: Why is the US Different
From Other Nations?**

The Foundations of Social Order

The Divine Institutions

Psa. 11:3, “If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

The Divine Institutions

1. Individual Responsibility

2. Marriage **PRE-FALL**

3. Family **Designed to promote productivity
and advance civilization**

4. Government, Judicial **POST-FALL**

Designed to restrain evil

5. Independent Nation-States

6. Israel **BLESSING FOR ALL MANKIND**

What is a Divine Institution?

Absolute social structures instituted by God for the entire human race—believers and unbelievers alike.

Designed by God for the “perpetuation, preservation, protection, and prosperity of the human race.”

Gen. 12:1, “Now the LORD had said to Abram: ‘Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you.

Gen. 12:2, “I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.”

Gen. 12:3, “I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Why Do Bible-Believing Christians Support Israel?

Joel 3:1, “For behold, in those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem,

Joel 3:2, “I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.”

What is Zionism?

The belief that the Jewish people have a right to their own nation in the land God gave to Abraham.

What does it mean to support Israel and the Jews?

It does not mean:

- that you must like, approve, or agree with the policies or actions of the state of Israel, or Jewish citizens;**
- that you endorse their political decisions;**
- that we affirm their religious or non-religious views,**

But ...

... that we agree the Jewish people have a right to their own nation in the land God gave to Abraham, and that the modern state of Israel has the right to defend their borders against internal enemies, and defend internally against the incursions of terrorists. As a nation they have the same rights and privileges as any other nation, with no double standard.

What is the New Testament Basis for Zionism?

Rom. 9:3, “For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh,

Rom. 9:4, “who are Israelites, to whom *pertain* the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises;”

Rom. 11:1, “I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

Rom. 11:2, “God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying,”

Rom. 11:3, “LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life”?

Rom. 11:4, “But what does the divine response say to him? ‘I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.’ ”

Rom. 9:6, “But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel.”

Rom. 11:25, “For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

Rom. 11:26, “And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: *‘The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;’* ”

Rom. 11:27, “*For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.*”

Rom. 11:29, “For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”

Replacement Theology and Christian Anti-Semitism

1517

Early and Medieval Church

Modern Church

33

600

Protestant
Reformation

2020

Roman
Catholic

Many other
denominations

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Early Church

33 150 400

- Mostly literal interpretation:
- Israel = ethnic Israel
- Church = Church
- Future return to Israel

Medieval Church

600 Roman Catholic

- Allegorical interpretation:
- Israel = Church in OT
- Church = Spiritual Israel
- Israel PERMANENTLY REPLACED by the Church
- Rise of Christian anti-Semitism

Protestant

1640

- Return to literal interpretation:
- Israel = ethnic Israel
- Church = Church
- Future return to Israel
- British Restorationism

“Until the late nineteenth century, most plans for a Jewish entity in Palestine were Christian. These plans were predicated on the perception that geographical Palestine was the ancient homeland that ‘belonged’ to the Jews.”

(~Goldman, *Zeal for Zion*, 3)