

“And Also To”

Romans 1:16

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“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.” (Romans 1:16)

Because I am not Jewish, I am thankful for Paul’s *“and also to”*, or I (we) would be in deep trouble.

To understand the future, we must understand the present, and to understand the present we must understand the past, and to understand it all we must understand the Jews (Hebrews, Children of Israel, Israelites, Israelis).

- I. God Chose Israel (Genesis 12:1-3)
 - A. To be His special people
 - B. To be His special portal
 1. The Bible came through the Jews
 2. The Savior came through the Jews
 3. The Church came through the Jews
- II. God Created Israel
 - A. The birth of the heir was a miracle
 - B. The birth of the nation was a miracle
- III. God Challenged Israel
 - A. To be different than the rest of the world (Deuteronomy 4:5-8)
 - B. To be distributors to the rest of the world (Isaiah 42:6-7)
- IV. God Chastened Israel (Judges 2:11-23)
 - A. To get their attention
 - B. To get their affection
- V. God Cherishes Israel (Matthew 23:37, Hosea 3:1-5)
- VI. God Commissions Israel (Matthew 24:14, Revelation 7:1-10)

So What?

- Founded by people committed to God’s Word, America has continually maintained a Pro-Israel stance on the world scene.
- Focused on His hatred for God and His Word, Satan has continually maintained an Anti-Israel stance on the world scene.
- Found clearly in God’s Word, Israel has always been, is now, and will always be special to and protected by their God.
- Focusing on the prophetic sections of Scripture, we will do well to recognize and remember the role of Israel in the future.