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God's Plan for Redemption Revealed in **ROMANS**

SUPPLEMENTAL SESSION: ROMANS 11

ISRAEL & CHRISTIAN ZIONISM

Why Address Christian Zionism?

1. Directly connects to Romans 11
2. Its divisiveness
3. Anti-Israel activists have demonized the term “Zionism”
4. Bring biblical grounding and clarity to phrase “Christian Zionism”

ZION - What Does It Mean?

FIRST MENTION PRINCIPLE

And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who said to David, “You will not come in here, but the blind and the lame will ward you off” —thinking, “David cannot come in here.” Nevertheless, **David took the stronghold of Zion, that is, the city of David.**

2 Samuel 5: 6-7

ZION - What Does It Mean?

***Zion* referred to Jerusalem.** Mount Zion is the high hill on which David built a citadel. It is on the southeast side of the city.

“Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”

Isaiah 40:9

ZION - What Does It Mean?

The word *Zion* expands in scope and takes on additional meaning. **It is also called The City of God.**

On the Holy Mount stands the city He founded, the Lord loves the gates of Zion , more than all the other dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are said of you, city of God.

Psalm 87:1-3

ZION - What Does It Mean?

Solomon builds the temple. **Zion then expands further in meaning to include the temple.**

For the Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place...

Psalm 132:13

“... Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.”

Jeremiah 31:6

ZION - What Does It Mean?

***Zion* refers figuratively to Israel as the people of God.**

God explicitly identifies Zion as His people in Isaiah.

“... I have covered you with the shadow of My hand... and saying to Zion, ‘You are My people.’”

Isaiah 51:16

ZION - What Does It Mean?

The City of the Great King in Psalm 48 has spiritual implications. **Zion symbolizes divine presence and favor.**

“For the Lord has chosen Zion, He has desired it for His dwelling, saying, ‘This is My resting place for ever and ever; here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it.’”

Psalm 132:13-14

* Note the spiritual significance and symbolism of Zion does not remove its reference to land and location. It simply adds to it.

End Times (Eschatology) Viewpoint

Scriptures reveal Jesus will rule and reign in Jerusalem (Mount Zion) during His future kingdom, fulfilling prophecies of a just, global rule.

End Times (Eschatology) Viewpoint

Return, O faithless children, declares the Lord; for I am your master; I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and **I will bring you to Zion.** “And I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. And when you have multiplied and been fruitful **in the land**, in those days, declares the Lord, they shall no longer say,

End Times (Eschatology) Viewpoint

“The ark of the covenant of the Lord.” It shall not come to mind or be remembered or missed; it shall not be made again. **At that time** Jerusalem shall be called the throne of the Lord, **and all nations shall gather to it**, to the presence of the Lord in Jerusalem, and they shall no more stubbornly follow their own evil heart.

End Times (Eschatology) Viewpoint

In those days the house of Judah shall join the house of Israel, and together they shall come from the land of the north **to the land that I gave your fathers for a heritage.**”

Jeremiah 3:14-18

End Times (Eschatology) Viewpoint

“**In the last days** the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established as the highest of the mountains... The law will go out from **Zion**, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”

Isaiah 2:2-3

End Times (Eschatology) Viewpoint

“Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths. And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, there will be no rain on them.”

Zechariah 14:4, 9, 16-17

End Times (Eschatology) Viewpoint

In the New Testament, *Zion* not only refers to the same OT place and land **but also refers to God's heavenly Jerusalem.**

We have not come to Mount Sinai, says the apostle, “but you are come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.”

Hebrews 12:22

Foundational Context

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT: This is a foundational context to Zion that cannot be detached from the word itself. This foundation not only ties to the meaning of Zion but is a key tenant of Christian Zionism.

“Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.”

Genesis 12:1b

Foundational Context

And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an **everlasting covenant**, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will **give** to you and to your offspring after you the **land** of your sojournings, all the **land** of Canaan, **for an everlasting possession**, and I will be their God.”

Genesis 17:7-8

Foundational Context

“The covenant which He made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac. He confirmed to Jacob for a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant.”

Psalm 105:10

Foundational Context

The later Mosaic covenant stipulated that the right to live on the land promised to them would be conditional, determined by their obedience to God's instruction and their relationship with Him. Sin and disobedience would result in Israel's exile from the land for a season, but exile never annulled the promise to Abraham through covenant. Whether the children of Israel were in or out of the land, the land remained theirs by divine covenant, granted by God and **never revoked.**

Foundational Context

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DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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New Testament Affirmation

In addition to what was taught from Romans 9-11:

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and **that He may send [future]** the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive **until the time for restoring** all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets long ago.

Acts 3:19-21

New Testament Affirmation

Restoring, Reconstitution (Greek, *apokatástasis*):
“The restoration not only of the true theocracy but also of that more perfect state of (even physical) things which existed before the fall.”

Biblical Zion v. Modern Zionism

ZIONISM: Originally used in the 1890's to establish a "home for the Jewish people secured by public law."

MODERN ZIONISM: Political outworking of thousands of years of Jewish longing to return to Zion; secular political movement that led to the founding of the state of Israel (1948) and building the nation while securing its peace.

Christian Zionism

Christian Zionism recognizes God's hand in the modern-day return of the Jewish people to their ancient homeland after thousands of years of exile.

- **It isn't disagreeing or agreeing with all the details of Israel's political parties, officials, or policy decisions domestic or foreign.**
- **Christian supporters of Israel tend to view Zionism within a biblical context and not as a separate political movement that is completely distinct and to be disdained.**
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Christian Zionism

Christian Zionism is a theological framework based on God's promises to Abraham, confirmed by the Hebrew prophets, and reinforced by the New Testament writings.

It is not a new concept, and throughout history, it has ebbed and flowed. **This means that a narrower use of the term Christian Zionist is one who holds to the theological school supporting the right of the Jewish people to return to their homeland on scriptural grounds.**

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