
The Apostolic Defense:

God's Faithfulness, God's Gospel, and God's People

Phase 2: Opening Arguments

Rejoicing in the True Israel of God

Opening Remarks:

Stating the Argument:

Defining the Parameters:

Denials:

Affirmations:

Checking Our Sources:

Circle 1: Paul's Present Writing - Romans 9

Circle 2: Paul's Previous Writing - Romans 2 / 4 / 11

Circle 3: Paul's Other Writings - Galatians, Ephesians, and Philippians

Circle 4: Paul's Fellow Apostles - Peter and John

Circle 5: Paul's Teacher - Jesus

Making Comparisons:

The characteristics and privileges which belong to Old Testament covenant Israel are now assumed by and applied to the church in her New Testament form:

Old Israel is Referred to As...

The New Israel or the Church is Referred to As...

Saints (Num 16:3, Deu 33:3)

Elect (Deu 7:6-7, 14:2)

Beloved (Deu 7:7, 4:37)

Called (Isa 41:9, 43:1)

Church (Psa 89:5, Mic 5 LXX, Acts 7:38, Heb 2:12)

Flock (Eze 34, Psa 77:20)

Holy Nation (Exo 19:5-6)

Kingdom of Priests (Exo 19:5-6)

Peculiar Treasure (Exo 19:5-6)

God's People (Hos 1:9-10)

Holy People (Deu 7:6)

People of Inheritance (Deu 4:20)

God's Tabernacle (Lev 26:11)

God Walks Among Them (Lev 26:12)

Led by Twelve Patriarchs (Gen 49)

Christ is Married to Them (S of S, Isa 54:5, Hos 2:19)

Saints (Eph 1:1, Rom 1:7)

Elect (Col 3:12, Tit 1:1)

Beloved (Col 3:12, 1Thes 1:4)

Called (Rom 1:6-7, 1Cor 1:2)

Church (Eph 1:1, Acts 20:28)

Flock (Luke 12:32, 1Pet 5:2)

Holy Nation (1Pet 2:9)

Kingdom of Priests (1Pet 2:9)

Peculiar Treasure (1Pet 2:9)

God's People (1Pet 2:10)

Holy People (1Pet 1:15-16)

People of Inheritance (Eph 1:18)

God's Tabernacle (John 1:14)

God Walks Among Them (2Cor 6:16-18)

Led by Twelve Apostles (Matt 10:1-2, Acts 2:42)

Christ is Married to Them (Eph 5:22-23, 2Cor 11:2)

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Focusing Our Thoughts:

Element 1: His Birth Record - Matthew 1:1-17

Element 2: His Escape to and from Egypt - Matthew 2:13-15

Element 3: His Baptismal Blessing - Matthew 3:13-17

Element 4: His Wilderness Temptations - Matthew 4:1-11

Element 5: His Choice of Ministry Headquarters - Matthew 4:12-17

Element 6: His Selection of New Leadership - Matthew 4:18-22

Element 7: His Proclamation of the Requirements of His Kingdom - Matt 5

Drawing Conclusions: