

"HATH GOD CAST AWAY HIS PEOPLE?"

ROMANS 11:1-6

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THE POSITION OF REFORMED (COVENANT) THEOLOGY REGARDING ISRAEL

No, Israel has not been cast aside by God, neither has she stumbled into an irretrievable fall, because a Jew can receive the Messiah and enter the church as all believing Gentiles have done throughout history.

TENETS OF REFORMED (COVENANT) THEOLOGY

- The History Of The Human Race Can Be Explained In Two Covenants (Works & Grace)
- The Church Has Been In Existence Since The Garden Of Eden
- There Is No Clear Distinction Between Israel & The Church
- All Of The Old Testament Promises Made Specifically To The Nation Israel Have Been Transferred To The Church (*Allegorical Interpretation*)

THE POSITION OF DISPENSATIONAL THEOLOGY REGARDING ISRAEL

No, Israel has not been cast aside by God, neither has she stumbled into an irretrievable fall, because God has made irrevocable promises to the nation that will be fulfilled for the entire nation in the eschatological future.

TENETS OF DISPENSATIONAL THEOLOGY

- The History Of The Human Race Can Be Explained By Dispensations. A Dispensation Is A Distinguishable Economy In The Outworking Of God's Purposes
- There Is An Enduring Distinction Between Israel And The Church
- The Church Began On The Day Of Pentecost
- The Old Testament Prophecies Intended For Israel Really Are Intended For Israel (*Literal Interpretation*)