

Israel: Imperial Citizenship

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- Genesis 12:1-3** God promised Abraham that from him would come a great nation who would bless the world.
- Deuteronomy 28:1** Israel was to become the greatest nation on earth.
- Micah 4:2** Israel's success was dependent on their obedience to God's commandments.
- Isaiah 45:22** Israel was to lead the nations to look to God as their Savior.
- Zechariah 2:11** Israel was to grow globally as people from other nations joined them. But unfortunately they failed in their God-appointed mission.
- Romans 2:28, 29** To be an Israelite in God's eyes goes beyond birth, circumcision, genes, and blood. Being an Israelite is a matter of the heart.
- Romans 9:6-8** Not all Israelites are Israelites.
- Galatians 3:16** Abraham's primary offspring was Christ.
- Galatians 3:29** If a person is Christ's then they become Abraham's offspring.
- Galatians 6:15** Circumcision doesn't avail anything, but being a new creation in Christ Jesus does.
- 1 Corinthians 7:19** Circumcision doesn't matter. What matters is keeping the commandments.
- Galatians 3:26, 27** We become spiritual Israelites through baptism (see 1 Corinthians 12:13).
- Romans 6:3-8** Baptism symbolizes a death to our old ways and destructive lifestyles as well as experiencing a new, purpose-filled life of freedom.
- Galatians 3:26, 27** When we are baptized we put on Christ, or we take on His name.
- Ephesians 4:5** There is only one baptism, not multiple methods.
- Matthew 3:16, 17** Jesus is our example in all things. He was baptized in water. When He came up out of the water the heavens opened, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, and He heard His Father's words of commendation.
- Acts 8:38, 39** Philip baptized the man from Ethiopia by going into the water. To baptize someone was to immerse that person under water. When he was baptized he was filled with great joy!
- Mark 16:16** He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.
- Matthew 28:19** Jesus commanded the church to go and baptize people of every nation.
- Acts 2:38** Before baptism a person must experience true repentance – a sorrow for sin and a turning away from it.

Mark 16:16

Before a person is baptized they must believe on Jesus with all of their heart.

Matthew 28:19

Before a person is baptized they must be taught and instructed in the essentials of biblical faith.

Acts 19:1-5

A person should be re-baptized if they have left Christ and return to Him, as well as when they discover highly significant new truth that impacts their life in a tremendous way.