

Distinctions between Israel and the Church

Israel is God's earthly, physical people. The church is God's heavenly, spiritual people. Some of the areas in which this distinction is demonstrated are shown in the chart below.

Area of Distinction	Israel	The Church
Calling	Gen 12:1-3	Heb 3:1
Origin	Gen 12:1-3	Ac 1:5; 1 Cor 12:13; Col 1:18
Entrance	physical birth	1 Pet 1:23 - spiritual birth
Inheritance	Dt 8:7-9; Gen 12:7; 13:15; 17:7-8	1 Pet 1:4
Adoption	Rom 9:4; Ex 4:22	Rom 8:15; Gal 4:5
Citizenship	earthly	Php 3:20
Wars	Dt 28:7	Eph 6:12
Rewards	Dt 28:1-14	Eph 1:3
Destiny	Lk 1:31-33; Jer 16:14ff; Isa 14:1	Jn 14:2f; 1 Th 4:15-17
As numerous as	the sand of the seashore (Gen 22:17)	the stars of heaven (Gen 22:17)
Lord comes for	to the earth (Zec 14:4)	to the air (1 Th 4:17)
Slavery & redemption	physical (to Egypt - Ex 1:11)	spiritual (to sin - Rom 6:17f)
Sacrifices, worship	Lev 1-9	1 Pet 2:5
Tabernacle	Ex 25-40	Heb 9:11