

Israel  
God's Son/Prince/Warrior  
"Who What Are Is Israel?"

Jer. 31:31; Ezek. 37:2; Hos. 1:10; 2:23 point to new covenant that includes both Judah and Israel – Jews and Gentiles cf. Eph. 2; Rom. 9-11

Ex. 4:22 Israel = God's firstborn son. (Father son relationship cf. Is. 63:16; 64:8)

Jer. 31:9 Israel = God's son but Ephraim = 1<sup>st</sup> born yet was literally 2<sup>nd</sup> born. Manasseh = literal 1<sup>st</sup> born.

Hos. 11:1 Israel = God's son but also foreshadow of God's only Son (i.e. Mtt. 2:15)

John 3:16 Jesus = only begotten Son

Rom. 8:29 Jesus = firstborn

Heb. 12:23 Church = first born

How can Israel, Ephraim, Jesus, and Church all be only 1<sup>st</sup> born son?

Pattern:

1. God's Son – relationship
2. God's Style – no respecter of persons
3. God's Symbolism – pointing to Messiah
4. God's Salvation – Messiah
5. God's Spouse – culmination/resurrection/glorification/union
6. God's Struggle

The term Israel means:

1. God's People
2. God's Practice
3. God's Picture
4. God's Prince
5. God's Persecuted
6. God's Prevailor

Ex. 4:22-23 God's firstborn son Israel vs. Egypt's firstborn sons and Ra's son Pharaoh.

Ex. 4:24-26 Moses' son had to be circumcised.

1. Israel *God's son* i.e. nation was chosen and called out of Egypt to Promised Land
2. Jesus *God's Son* also chosen Messiah called out of Egypt to Promised Land (Zion)
3. National Israel *God's son* stumbled from beginning to end e.g. 40yrs wandering because of unbelief
4. Jesus God's Son fulfilled perfectly, from beginning to end what Israel could never do e.g. 40dys in wilderness of temptation w/ perfect faith
5. Furthermore, Eve and Adam demonstrated faulty faith in the Garden of Eden and elevated their will and trusted not divine goodness. However, the Seed prophesied at the Garden of Eden would demonstrate perfect sound faith in divine goodness at the garden of Gethsemane.

E.g. Root, stump, branch, sprout, seed: (Jn. 15:1 cf. Gen. 3:15; 2 Sam. 7:12-13; Ps. 80:15; Is. 1: 8-9; 4:2; 5:1-7; 11:1-10; Jer. 2:21; 23:5; 33:15; Zech. 3:8; 6:12-13; Rom. 15:12; Gal. 3:16)

Ps. 80: <sup>14</sup>Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; Look down from heaven and see, And visit this vine (Israel) <sup>15</sup>And the vineyard (Israel) which Your right hand has planted, (Father = vinedresser) And the branch (Israel) *that* You made strong for Yourself. <sup>16</sup>*It is* burned with fire, *it is* cut down; They perish at the rebuke of Your countenance. <sup>17</sup>Let Your hand be upon the man (Israel: Prince/Warrior of God) of

Your right hand, Upon the son of man (Ibid) *whom* You made strong for Yourself. <sup>18</sup>Then we will not turn back from You; Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.