

A COMPARISON BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH.**

Below are twenty-four differences between Israel and the church, as given by Dr. Lewis S. Chafer in his Systematic Theology, Vol. 4:

ISRAEL

Israel, 4/5 of the Bible
Earthly covenant promises
Seed of Abraham: physical seed, some become a spiritual seed
Physical birth, produces a relationship
Headship: Abraham
Covenants: Abrahamic covenant and related
National Israel: one nation
Divine dealing: Israel, national and individual
Dispensations: Israel from Abraham and on
Ministry: nations come to Israel
Death of Christ: His saving work goes back to those in the OT
God a particular Father to the nation
Christ: Israel's Messiah, King, and Savior
Holy Spirit: came on some temporarily
Mosaic Law system
Generally, dealt with Israel as a nation
Farewell discourse: Olivet Discourse
Messiah to return to reign
Position: Israel a servant
Israel: Christ's kingdom subjects
Tribal priesthood (Levi)
Israel: an unfaithful wife to be restored
Israel: to be judged and restored
To be a restored kingdom

THE CHURCH

Church, 1/5 of the Bible
Heavenly promises in the gospel
Spiritual seed
Spiritual birth that brings about a spiritual relationship
Headship: Christ
Covenant: New covenant
Church: many nations-individuals
Divine dealing: Individual only
Dispensation: present age only
Ministry: church goes to the nations
Death of Christ: His saving work goes forward to the church
God a particular Father to individuals
Christ: Head of, and Savior
Holy Spirit: permanently indwells
Grace system
Generally, deals with the church through individuals
Farewell discourse: Upper Room Discourse
Church to be raptured to glory
Position: Church family members
Church: Christ's co-reigners
Each member a priest
Church: the bride of Christ
Church: delivered from judgment
To be a blessed bride

**There is more to say about these differences. The list is but abbreviated and can be filled in with some additions and adjustments.