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What is the Biblical definition of Israel?

Israel was...	Israel also...
An individual (Genesis 32:28)	Included Proselytes (Exodus 12:48)
A family (racial/ethnic) (Genesis 34:7)	Northern kingdom of Israel separate from Judah (1 Kings 14:14)
A large family - 12 tribes (racial/ethnic) (Exodus 12:3,14:30)	A remnant (Micah 2:12,Isaiah 46:3)
A nation (covenantal) (Exodus 12:3,38,14:30) (Exodus 12:38,19:5-6)	
A land (geographical) (1 Samuel 13:19) (1 Kings 1:3)	

Christ's body not ethnic/racial, just as Israel was not

If you belong to Christ, you are Abraham's seed, whether you are Jew or Gentile (Galatians 3:27-29)

Titles of Israel applied to those in Christ
The circumcision Phil 3:3, Rom 2:25-29 , Col 2:11-12, Gal 6:15-16 (with context from Gal 3:28-29), Eph 2:11-13, Rom 4:11-12
Kingdom of priests, holy nation Exodus 19:6, 1 Peter 2:9
olive tree Psalm 52:8, Hosea 14:6, Jeremiah 11:16, Romans 11:16-20

Both Israel + Jesus treated as corporate bodies

Israel(Deut 28:1-2,15,29:18-20,24-25. Lev 26:14-16,33, Joshua 7:11-12,25...)
Jesus (1 Cor 12:12-14,27.Rom 12:4-5.Eph 4:4-6,15-16, Gal 3:28-19, Eph 2:11-13,19, 1 Peter 2:9-10...)

If Israel was faithful, you got blessed. If not, cursings.
Since Jesus was 100% faithful, if you are in Him, you get all the covenant blessings. he took the curse upon Himself.

Israel - 'My people'. Scripture predicted Gentiles joining Israel

Hosea 1:10 tells us God had plans to join Gentiles into Israel, who were "My people". Elsewhere in Hosea, unfaithful Israelites were said not be God's people. Paul quotes Hosea 1:10 in Rom 9:25 to affirm God meant He would add Gentiles to Israel, His people.

membership

Had conditions	Only the faithful of Israel were saved
Covenant breakers were cut off (Ex 12:15)	A remnant will return to the Mighty God. Though Israel numerous as the sand of the sea, only a remnant 'within them' will return (Isaiah 10:21-22) Only whoever calls on name of the LORD shall be saved. Peter quotes this in Acts 2 (Joel 2:32)
Covenant promises only for the faithful	
The wicked have no right to recount God's statues (Psalm 50:5,16)	

Israel's titles applied to Christ

My Servant, My chosen, Seed of Abraham
(Isaiah 41:8;42:,49:,52:,53:,Galatians 3:16...)

My Servant, My chosen one in whom My soul is well pleased. I have put My Spirit upon Him
(Isaiah 42:1-4) - Matthew 12 quotes this at Jesus' baptism.
(Numbers 11:17,Isaiah 44:3,Ezekiel 36:27) (Ezekiel 37:14)

Jesus the true vine - Israel God's vineyard
(John 15:21,Isaiah 5:7)

Christians are Children of God + seed
(Romans 8:16,9:8. Gal 4:28, 1 John 3:1-2)

Promises to Israel applied to those in Christ

My law on their heart (Jer 31:33, 2 Cor 3:3)
Fellow citizens in God's household
(Eph 2:12-13,18-19)