

Question often asked.

But hasn't God given the land to the Jews?

1. Assuming that to be so; why have they never possessed it?
2. What land in particular are we talking about: the Genesis passages are different.
3. the land was actually given to Israel, which leads to the further questions:
4. who and where is Israel? (see Matt. 3: 9,10 and Rom. 9: 6 – end.)

But aren't we in the 'End Times'?

1. Certainly; the end times started with the incarnation.
2. we've been in the end times for 2000 years; it's not our business to speculate about the 'times' but to be 'about our Father's business' – the Gospel of peace. (Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:18 - 20)
3. People have been forecasting the end for well over 100 years, sooner or later someone will get it right; by accident; and doom watchers will follow them however else wrong they might be. (Matt. Chs. 24 & 25)

Won't the 'Rapture' prove it?

1. The rapture will prove nothing since it's not biblical & won't happen.
2. For a detailed exegesis of 1 Thess. 4. (not just v. 17) see [HERE](#)

So Is God no longer interested in the Jews?

1. Paul makes it very clear that God has not given up on **Israel**, but Israel is redefined to include both Jew and Gentile; (Romans 11: note v.5) on the basis of having the faith of Abraham, (Romans Chapters 3 & 4)
2. And note, the passages often regarded as an insertion or a codicil (chapters 9 – 11) are entirely consistent with the rest of the book as long as we read it contextually.

And God is no longer interested in Jerusalem or the land?

1. On the contrary, God is intensely interested in both Jerusalem and the land, but both take on different manifestation following the incarnation, the crucifixion the resurrection and the ascension.
2. What did Jesus mean when he spoke to the Samaritan woman about 'true worship', John 4.
3. What did Jesus mean when he called himself 'the true vine'; John 15: literally "I am the vine, the true one..."
4. "For the promise that he would **inherit the world** did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith." Rom. 4:13 If Abraham is inheriting the world – Paul's conclusion here is based on the logic of his preceding argument and on Genesis 12.

A fuller treatment of all these may be found by using the link on the website:

www.meec.org.uk/html/to_think_about.html