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### The Ground for Israels Election

Their election was grace and unconditioned love

Israels election is inseparably related to the theocracy of Israel. Rom. 1 The whole world rejected God and his kingdom. God chose a nation to serve him. The election of Israel is closely related to the theocracy of Israel.

The theocracy was the result of Israels election and the ground of that election was based on Gods grace and unconditional love.

1. Grace must be sovereign or it isn't grace. It has to come to those least deserving or else they can appeal to merit. It is unmerited favor and God can give it to whomever he wants.
2. Gods love is unconditional. Deut.9/4-5 He chose her because he loved her not because of her righteousness or because they were a great nation. Deut. 7/6-8 It is bestowed upon those least deserving so it will magnify the grace of God.

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### Election The Hebrew Terms

- a. Bachar - to choose Is. 43/10, Deut 7/6  
This term is used over 150 times.
- b. Yadhya (yava)- To know - Amos 3/2
- c. Qanah - To acquire or buy Duet.32/6

Bachar is used 30 times in Deut. The term was mostly used in the exile for Israel to know God had chosen her.

Jer. 33/24, Is. 41/9, 44/1-2, 49/7

Why was special election limited to Israel

Ps. 147/ 19-20

- a. When he picked Israel she wasn't even a nation. 1 Cor. 1 God chooses the base and foolish.
- b. The nations he didn't choose were responsible for departing from the light they had already been given way back in the beginning. Rom. 1 They willfully gave up their knowledge of God. He chose a loosely knit collection of tribes and made them into a nation. Deut.9/4-6
- c. It was necessary for God to start somewhere in restoring true revelation and knowledge to the world
- d. God's wisdom love and mercy is to be seen in election. Abraham and then Israel were the means by which he could bless the whole world with salvation.
- e. The heathen nations already had a secular culture. Arts science astronomy God started a nation which had religion as its main culture and required holiness. He left the heathen world to itself for awhile until their iniquity became total.
- f. Special revelation to Israel was special grace to an undeserving people.

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Was Israels election arbitrary?

The problem

Some say it is Ok to elect nations but to elect individuals is arbitrary

The reply

If that is true then God could charge me with that. ie my marriage. I chose one women to bestow my love and affection upon. Why not love them all? Or for that matter my children. God makes perfect choices from his wisdom not imperfect like us.

God doesn't choose a nation. He chooses the people in it.

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The purpose of Gods Election of Israel

The Bible always shows it to be responsibility

1. To be custodians of the revelation of the knowledge of the true God. Ps. 147/19-20, Rom. 3/12  
Knowledge about himself, his will, his requirements

2. Israel was elected to obedience. God created a nation that would serve and obey him. No other nation was doing that.

3. Israel was elected to reflect God's character. ie. Jesus in me. True holiness, justice, equality, righteousness, morality  
Lev. 19/2, Deut. 7/6, Ex. 19/5-6, Lev. 20/24-26

4. Preparation for the Messiah. Messianic prophecies, the law itself (as a tutor to bring us to Christ), the types (sacrifice priesthood) all these things were preparation to prepare them for the messiah.

5. A popular misconception is that Israel was raised up and called to be a missionary nation to the rest of the world. God told them to wipe out the Canaanites not preach to them. Only Jonah was sent to a foreign nation and even that was judgement. Missionary activity has to have something to preach. eg, the gospel. Proselytes came to Israel.  
Israel was called to live the revelation

The conclusion. Did Israel accomplish its purpose

Answer: No it failed.

Is. 42/19-25, Matt21/43

Jesus will one day establish his kingdom and that will stand forever. As a nation and kingdom Israel failed but God's purposes will yet be fulfilled. Acts 1/6, Rom. 11 God messiah will not fail and the full purpose of Israels election will be realized in the millennium.

Lev. 26/44 Amos 9/11-15

Like much else in the OT the theocracy was typical of the future kingdom of God.