

## **WHY THE ISRAEL PRAYER GARDEN? Why display the 12 TRIBES?**

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Over the weekend Pam was asked why the Israel Prayer Garden was designed to reflect the 12 tribes of Israel rather than the Church. The person asking the question had been questioned by others in ministry and didn't have an answer. This was Pam's response:

*“The Firstborn Nation of God was Israel. First is linked with prototype! All other nations follow the pattern of the nation of Israel, a people with God. God found and cut covenant with Abraham. Abraham and Sarah pressed into their promise, Isaac. Isaac found Rebekah because she watered the camels. Isaac and Rebekah had Jacob.*

*“Jacob had twelve sons, and they formed the framework and structure for this nation called Israel. Jesus followed the same pattern when He chose 12 disciples. These twelve disciples-turned-apostles formed the framework of the Church. Old Testament patterns repeat in the new covenant. Jesus never intended to discard the structure and framework of God's First Nation after the finished work of the Cross.*

*“Instead, the Church gains insight, understanding, and revelation through the history of Israel and shares a common heritage with the people and land of Abraham. We don't have to choose one over the other, because they are joined in Jesus Christ.”*

(Added by Chuck) We, as all Gentiles, have been grafted into this covenant with Abraham through the blood of our Redeemer. In this **Year of 5773, the Year of Kinsman-Redeemer**, as the nation of Israel blooms, the true apostolic church blooms.