

# The Role of Israel Today

In the Torah and Tanakh, Israel's covenant role is to **represent YAHUAH's instruction in the world** not to rule through force or superiority.

Israel's purpose is priestly and instructional:

to demonstrate what covenant life looks like.

This role is about **service**, not domination.

## Israel Is Called to Be an Instruction-Bearing People

The prophets envision a time when nations seek Torah because they see its wisdom embodied.

Isaiah 2:2–3

“...many peoples shall say, ‘Come... that He may teach us His ways... For Torah shall go forth from Zion...’”

The nations are drawn by **instruction**, not coercion.

Israel's role is to:

- preserve Torah
- model covenant life
- make instruction visible

This is influence through example.

## Israel Is Described as a Light Not a Ruler

The Tanakh repeatedly uses the imagery of **light**, meaning clarity, guidance, and visibility.

Isaiah 42:6

“...I will give you as a covenant... a light to the nations...”

Light does not dominate it reveals.

Israel's purpose is to:

- illuminate righteous living
- demonstrate justice
- point toward YAHUAH's ways

This is representation, not hierarchy.

## **Restoration Means Returning to Covenant Order**

The prophets describe Israel's restoration not as empire-building, but as **returning to covenant alignment** so justice and instruction become visible again.

Restoration includes:

- renewed obedience
- ethical living
- community justice

This restores moral order not political control.

## **The Role Is Priestly and Representative**

This aligns with the Torah description of Israel as a **kingdom of priests** (Exodus 19).

Priests:

- serve
- teach
- mediate instruction

They do not dominate populations.

Israel's role is to **serve as an example**, not to control others.

## Why This Matters for Beginners

This framework prevents two misunderstandings:

Israel exists to rule other people's  
Israel has no unique role at all

The Torah & Tanakh teach:

Israel has a **distinct responsibility** to model covenant life so others can learn.

Israel's covenant role is to:

Teach Torah  
Model obedience  
Demonstrate justice  
Illuminate covenant living

Israel is meant to be a **light**, not a dominating force.

## Key Scriptures

- Isaiah 2:2–3 Nations drawn to instruction
- Isaiah 42:6 Light to the nations
- Exodus 19:5–6 Kingdom of priests
- Deuteronomy 4:6 Wisdom visible to nations