

A panel in Chicago on Christian theologies around the state of Israel

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Ever since the creation of the state of Israel in 1948—and well before—Christians have argued about the significance of a Jewish state. Does it have theological meaning. If so, what? Or is it simply a state like any other? Mainline Protestants have had their own approaches to this complicated and contentious topic.

On May 1, I'll be part of a panel—along with an editor from *Christianity Today*, a Catholic scholar, and a Jewish respondent—at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston to try to shed some light on this subject. [The discussion "Theologies on the Return of the Jewish People to Sovereignty in the Ancient Homeland"](#) begins at 4 p.m.