

## I. The Identity of the True Jews

**Disclaimer:** I am not an anti-Semite, and do not condone mistreatment of any group of people.

I have thought for years that if you tell me who you believe the true elect people of God are, whether whites, blacks, or Jews, I can tell you what your end times position is. Consider British Israelites, Black Muslims, and Zionists. Each of these groups has its own end times agenda.

In this discourse we want to consider what the Bible says about who the true Jews, or the true elect people of God, are.

The most popular end times view today among Fundamentalist Christians, the Premillennial Dispensationalist view, is that the nation of Israel is racially glorified: THE elect people of God. According to this view, the Jews will have a glorified, literal kingdom in Palestine/Israel with a rebuilt Temple where they will offer reinstated sacrifices. Jesus will sit on a literal throne in a political-military kingdom there and reign over them and the earth as Messiah for 1,000 years. As such, God has two distinct, separate plans for National Israel and the New Testament Church, as they are two distinct and separate people.

According to the Bible, however, the TRUE (spiritual) Jews are the elect saved by the blood of Christ out of every kindred, tribe, tongue, and people. In a word: Salvation is not by race, but by grace.

We can plainly see that when Jesus came into the world, some Jews knew him, most Jews did not:

**John 1:10-13** He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

**John 10:14** I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine.

--taken with--

**John 17:3, 8** And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent...8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

--taken with--

**1John 5:20** And we know that the Son of God is come, and **hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true**, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Also consider those Jews who “knew” him: the Shepherds, Simeon, and Anna in Luke chapter two.

**A.** Here are verses that tell us who a true Jew is, and what a true circumcision is:

**Romans 2:28-29** For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 **But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly**; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

**Philippians 3:2-3** Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. 3 **For we are the circumcision**, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

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**Colossians 2:11** In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

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**Colossians 1:27** (Paul is speaking of Gentiles) To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

So, a true, **biblical, spiritual Jew** is anybody who is born again, regenerated, or called by the Spirit of God, and thus chosen in the Eternal Covenant of Grace. Any national, natural Jew not born again, not regenerated, or not called by the Spirit of God was not chosen in the Eternal Covenant of Grace, and will burn in hell with all the other non-elect.

**B. Spiritual Israel vs. National or Natural Israel:** Only a portion of the nation Israel, called a **remnant** in scripture, is a part of the eternal elect.

1. They are called a **remnant**.

**Romans 9:6-8** 6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. **For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:** 7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. 8 That is, they which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

**Isaiah 6:10-13** Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. 11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, 12 And the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land. 13 **But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return**, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

**Romans 9:27-29** Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, **a remnant shall be saved**: 28 For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth. 29 And as Esaias said before, except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha.

**Isaiah 1:7-9** Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. 8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. 9 Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a **very small remnant**, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

**Romans 11:4-7** But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. **5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.** 6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is

no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. 7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded

What is Sodom and Gomorrah like?

**Jude 1:7** Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, **suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.**

So far, how does this reading of bible verses stack up against what John Hagee, Hal Lindsey, Jack Van Impe, Tim LaHaye, David Jeremiah, Dallas Theological Seminary, Moody Bible Institute, BJU, C.I. Schofield, and the Left Behind folks tell us?

I'll used to say "I accept the charge of "replacement theology". Then I found these verses:

**Ephesians 2:13-15** But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*; 15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace;

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**Ephesians 3:6** That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

Really it should be called Continuation Theology.

By the way, if a natural Jewish person asked to join this church and be baptized, would you forbid him/her? Of course we would NOT forbid them! Then, how are we even possibly anti-Semitic?

**2.** The message of the Prophet Hosea is that God Stripped down the nation Israel of the non-elect Jew, added the Gentile elect and reformed both into the new, spiritual Israel, the true elect:

**Gentiles Added:**

**Romans 9:22-26** What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: 23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, 24 **Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?** 25 As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. 26 And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.

**Hosea 1:10** Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.

**Hosea 2:23** And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art

my God. See also 1 Peter 2:9

**1 Peter 2:9-10** But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 10 Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

**And also a Remnant of the Jews are included:**

**Romans 11:5-7** Even so then at this present time also there is a **remnant** according to the election of grace. 6 And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. 7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded...

**Acts 13:32-33** And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, 33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

**Joel 2:32** And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call. See also Acts 2:16-21

**Ephesians 2:11-16** Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; 12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; 15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; 16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

**Ephesians 3:1-6, 9** For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, 2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; 6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: ...9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

V5 shows us that men who only use Old Testament prophecy are leaving out of their explanations the New Testament fulfillment passages which give us the completed picture. V9 show us that the NT church is not some "Gap", or "Mystery Dispensation", but Jew and Gentile have from the beginning been fellowheirs and of the same body in the mind and purpose of God. It was hidden from the beginning, but is now revealed through Paul's ministry, as follows:

**Romans 16:25-26** Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of

Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, 26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

**3.** That there is no difference between Jew and Gentile was plainly taught by the Apostles:

Exod 11:7, Lev 10:10, Lev 11:47, Lev 20:25, Ezek 22:26, Ezek 44:23. Clean and unclean, holy and profane.

**Acts 15:9** (Peter) And put **no difference** between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

**Romans 3:22** Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: **for there is no difference:**

**Romans 9:24** Even us, *whom he hath called*, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

**Romans 10:12** For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

**Galatians 3:28-29** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

So again, the identity of the true Jew, or the true Israel of God, is that elect portion or remnant of the Jews and those elect portions of all other Gentile nations, all together with no racial distinctions. Salvation is not by race, it is by grace!

### C. Characteristics of the non-elect Jews

**1.** They are cast away and blinded, and they gravitate toward money.

**Romans 11:1-9** I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? How he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, 3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. 4 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. 5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. 7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded 8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. 9 And David saith, Let their **table** be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them:

V1 Paul does not say that God cast away Jews that he foreknew.

V4 Says there was a remnant of only 7,000 in Elijah's day. The rest were cast away.

V7-8 compare to Psalms 69:22-28.

**Psalms 69:22-25** Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap. 23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake. 24 Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them. 25 Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.

**Luke 19:23** Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the **bank**, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

**Strong's Greek Lexicon 5132 Bank, Table** *trapeza* (trap'-ed-zah); Probably contracted from 5064 and 3979; a table or stool (as being four-legged), usually for food (figuratively, a meal); also a counter for money (figuratively, a broker's office for loans at interest): From **Thayer 2**) the table or stand of a money-changer, where he sits, exchanging different kinds of money for a fee (agio), and paying back with interest loans or deposits.

**2.** Jesus our Lord says the non-elect Jews are of the synagogue of Satan.

**Revelation 2:9** I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

**Revelation 3:9** Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Jesus says they are Satanic!! If you are familiar at all with the Kabala or the Talmud, you know about its esoteric, mystical doctrines. I don't need to explain.

Pre-mil proponents would say that these verses mean that any Gentile, who claims to be a spiritual Jew, is of the synagogue of Satan, and that the natural Jew is the true Jew. These verses say also that the ones who say they are Jews worship in Synagogues. Who worships in and has always worshipped in synagogues? Do you know any Christians or preachers who claim to be true Jews who worship in a synagogue?

**3.** The non-elect Jews will not be successful in rebuilding the temple

Will the non-elect Jews rebuild the temple? They have already started and have almost completed it, I think. Just Google or Yahoo it and jump in anywhere if you have enough time to read all that's out there. Pre-mils of course think that this has to happen before Jesus returns, BUT:

If Esau in Rom 9:13 represents the non-elect Jew, then

**Malachi 1:1-4** The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi. 2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob, 3 And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness. 4 Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the

LORD of hosts, **They shall build, but I will throw down**; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.

**4.** The non-elect Jews will be scattered throughout the nations.

**Hosea 8:8** Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure.

**Hosea 9:17** My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

**Isaiah 6:11-13** Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, 12 And the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land. 13 But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

**Luke 21:24** And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

#### **In Summary:**

A true spiritual Jew is one inwardly; circumcised in the heart, by the spirit.

Only a portion of the nation Israel is a part of the elect. They are called the **remnant**. So the identity of the true, biblical Jews, or the true Israel of God, the elect, the called: is the elect remnant of the Jews and the elect portions of all other Gentile nations, all together with no racial distinctions.

There is no difference between elect Jew and elect Gentile in the eyes of God.

Non-elect Jews are cast away and blinded, their bank is a snare, they are satanic, and they have wandered from nation to nation throughout history. They haven't even sacrificed animals as Moses prescribed for over 2,000 years! Think about that for a while. They're not very faithful to their own law, don't you think?

#### **Conclusion:**

**Revelation 5:9** And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; See also Rev 14:6

**Revelation 14:6** And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

**Salvation is not by race, it is by grace!**