# A Brief Lesson on Srael A graphical study about Israel

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This presentation is a graphical study of Israel throughout the Holy Bible. In this presentation you will learn about the twelve tribes of Israel and discover what happens to Israel in the Old Testament and through the New Testament.

# Jacob's name was changed by God to Israel

Genesis 32:28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more **Jacob**, but **Israel**: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

Jacob was the son of Isaac who was the son of Abraham

We begin with Israel and origin of the name ISRAEL. YHWH (the Hebrew name of God pronounced possibly as Yahweh) God changed Jacob's name to ISRAEL. Next we look at his kinsmen Isaac and Abraham.

#### Abraham whom was once Abram came out the land of UR

Genesis 11:31 And Terah took **Abram** his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them **from Ur of the Chaldees**, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

# God changed Abram's name to Abraham

Genesis 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called **Abram**, but thy name shall be **Abraham**; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

First, you will study Abram who came form Ur of the Chaldees in Mesopotamia, who later has his name changed by God to Abraham.

# Abraham, the Bible tells us, is a Hebrew.

Genesis 14:13 And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the **Hebrew**; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these *were* confederate with Abram.

#### Abraham had a son named Isaac.

Genesis 17:19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name **Isaac**: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him.

The Bible records that Abraham is a Hebrew. Abraham had a son named Isaac whom God established an everlasting covenant with, and with his seed.

# Isaac took a wife of his own kinsmen and of Syrian origin.

Genesis 24:37 And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell: 38 But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son.

Genesis 25:20 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the **Syrian** of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the **Syrian**.

When Isaac was of age he was told by his father Abraham to take a wife from his kinsmen who happened to be of Syrian origin.

# Isaac had a son named Jacob

Genesis 25:21 And Isaac intreated YHWH for his wife, because she *was* barren: and YHWH was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

Genesis 25:26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called **Jacob**: and Isaac *was* threescore years old when she bare them.

Isaac the son of Abraham, had a son named Jacob, and his twin brother named Esau.

# A Few FACTS to realize about Abraham, Isaac and Jacob:

- 1. Abraham was a Hebrew, but he was not Jewish.
- 2. Isaac was born of the Hebrew Syrian kinsmen but was not Jewish.
- 3. Jacob is born of Issac's Syrian wife, but he is *not* Jewish.

A few facts to learn about Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Many are often confused and make an assumption that since Abraham was a Hebrew he must therefore be a Jew or of Jewish origins. Since Isaac was born of Abraham many today assume Isaac was Jewish, as well as Jacob, Isaac's son who will one day have his name changed to ISRAEL. So many assume Jacob was Jewish. The Holy Bible never states that any of the three mentioned were Jews or Jewish. It will become obvious later in this presentation why they cannot be Jewish when we discover about Jacob's son Judah.

# A Few facts to realize about Abraham, Isaac and Jacob:

**Abraham, Isaac and Jacob** were from the line of **Shem**, one of the three sons of Noah after the flood descended from **Adam**.

That makes them **Shemetic (semitic)** or of the **Semites.** 

While they are Semites they were not of the Jews or Jewish.

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, were born of the line of Shem, one of Noah's three sons who came up out of the ark from the great flood that covered the earth. Because they are descended from the line of Shem, that makes them Shemitic, or in the modern language from Semitic tribes. Again many assume because they are Semites that they naturally must be of Jewish origins. The Bible shows that being of Shem or the Semitic line does not mean one was also an Israelite/Jacobite. Jacob's brother Esau was a Semite, but was not of the Israelite lineage. Just as Isaac's brother Ishmael, was a Hebrew and a Semite, and is believed to be the father of the Arab peoples. It was Isaac, the father of Jacob, whose son Jacob was ordained by God to be named ISRAEL.

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Jacob had four wives

Jacob or Israel, had 12 children

We now learn that God changed Jacob's name to ISRAEL which means a prince or one who has power with God and man. Now the Bible records that Jacob had four wives which we will look at next, and these four wives will in time give Jacob/ISRAEL twelve children, or twelve sons.

Jacob was tricked into having two wives. He came seeking **Rachel** and worked seven years to achieve her as his wife.

but on the night of his wedding, her older sister **Leah** was put into the tent, instead, by her father Laban.

Jacob worked another seven years to obtain Rachel whom he loved.

Thus Jacob now had two wives

Rachel the younger

Leah the older

The Bible shows that Jacob was deceived on his wedding night when his bribe to be, Rachel, was substituted with her elder sister Leah. Her father Laban did this deception to Jacob because Rachel was too young to be married first, and thus he gave Jacob the older sister Leah instead.

Laban gave his sister Bilhah to be a handmaid for Rachel

Jacob marries Rachel and served seven years for her.

But Rachel was barren from child bearing.

But Leah conceived with a child and had more children.

Laban gave to his daughter Rachel a helpmeet Bilhah, who is a maid, or servant girl, likely from Laban's kinsmen family. Jacob agrees to serve seven years for Rachel. When he marries Rachel she is baren of bearing Jacob any children. Leah however does conceive with a child and more children.

**Leah,** Jacob's wife, gives birth to 4 children.

Reuben

Simeon

Levi

Judah (where we get the "the Jews" from)

Leah gives birth to four children. The first was Reuben, the second was Simeon, and third was Levi, and last was named Judah. It is the child Judah where we get the future lineage of the Jewish people. Leah's fourth son Judah is the only son which can possibly be considered as 'Jewish", though the Holy Bible and Old Testament never states this.

Because Leah bore children, Rachel was jealous of her sister, and so Rachel gave Jacob **Bilhah** to be his wife and bear children

Bilhah become Jacob's third wife and bears sons.

Bilhah gives birth to two children.

Dan

Naphtali

Because Rachel's sister Leah bore so many children to Jacob, she was jealous and so she gives Jacob Bilhah the servant girl, or maid of Rachel, to conceive with Jacob and bear children. Bilhah becomes essentially Jacob's third wife, and gives birth to two children, two sons named Dan and Naphtali.

When Leah saw the children born and she could not bear another child, she gives **Zilpah**, Leah's maid, to Jacob to be his wife.

Zilpah becomes Jacob's fourth wife and bears sons.

**Zilpah** gives birth to two children.

Gad

Asher

Now Leah is for some reason not able to conceive with a child, she becomes jealous and so she gives her own maid, or servant girl named Zilpah, to Jacob to conceive and bear sons. Zilpah bears Jacob two more children named Asher and Gad. Now Jacob has four wives! He has four wives which bear him sons.

**Leah** later bears Jacob two more sons

Issachar

Zebulun

Rachel finally bears Jacob a son

Joseph

Rachel later dies giving birth to one last son

**Benjamin** 

Now Leah soon is able to bear Jacob children and she gives birth to two more sons, Issachar and Zebulun. Then finally Rachel is able to conceive with a child, she bears Jacob his first son of hers', Joseph. Later Rachel will give birth to one last son, and sadly she also dies while giving birth to Jacob's last son Benjamin.

Zebulun

Leah bears Jacob Bilhah gives Zilpah gives Rachel bears Jacob

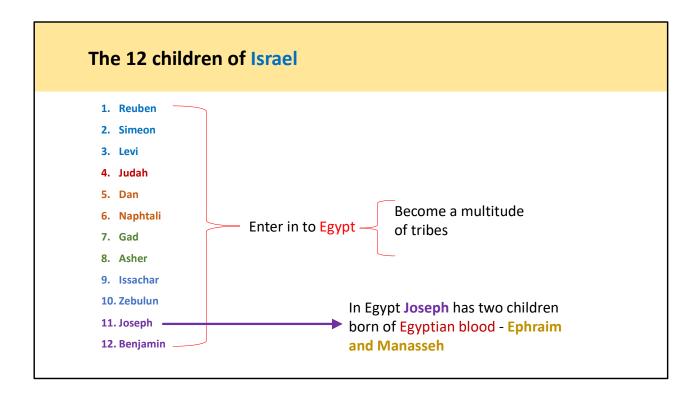
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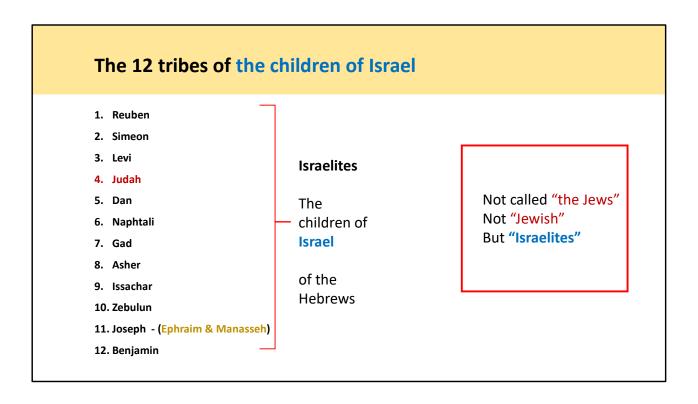
Levi Naphtali Asher Judah Issachar

These are the 12 children of Jacob who's name was changed to Israel

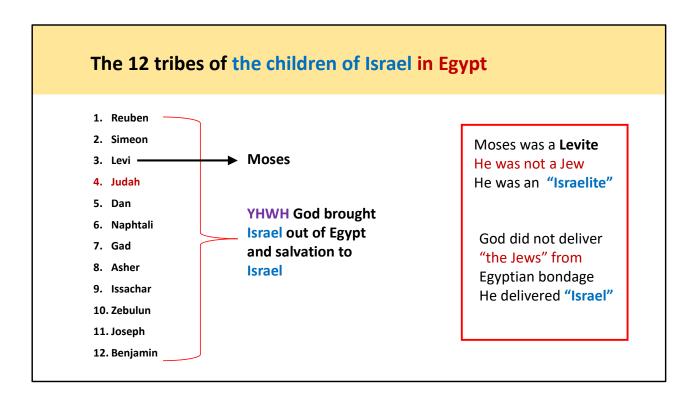
So Jacob whose name God changed to ISRAEL has four wives who gave birth to twelve sons. These twelve sons are the twelve children of Israel.



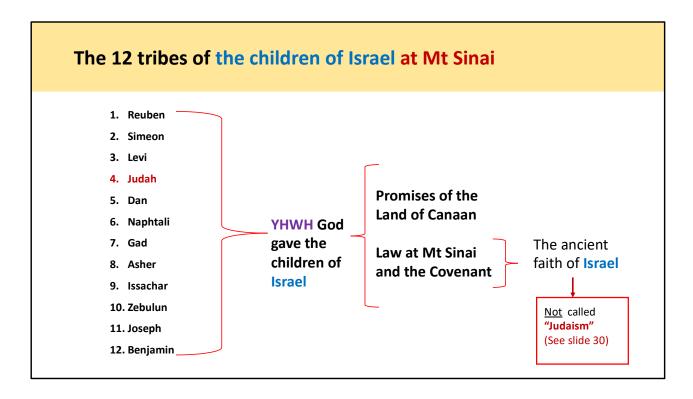
The Holy Bible records that Israel and his twelve sons eventually end up in Egypt. It is in Egypt where Joseph was married to the daughter of Poti-Pherah an Egyptian priest of the sun god, this marriage results in his wife Asenath who is an Egyptian, giving birth to two part-Israelite and part-Egyptian children named Ephraim and Manasseh. These two children are perhaps the most genetically diverse of all the tribes of Israel -- two tribes will come from these two Egyptian Israelite children.



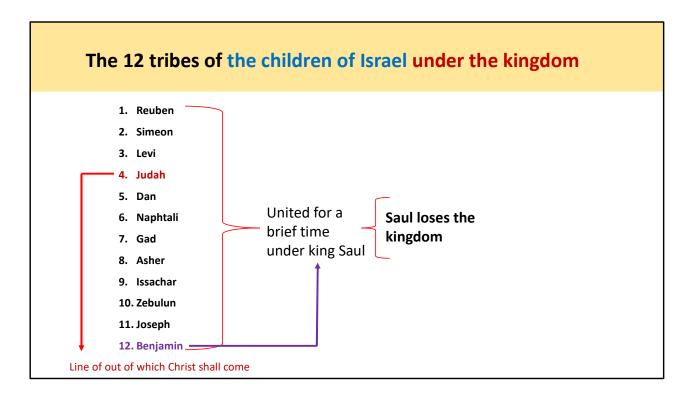
So, we have twelve tribes grow from each of the twelve sons of Israel. These are according to the Bible "Israelites," or "the children of Israel" and are "of the Hebrews." Note the assumption by many today is that they are all also Jewish, but the Holy Bible and Old Testament never states this and the only tribe that could remotely be considered "Jewish" in the modern sense, is the sole tribe of Judah. Many label the Israelites as 'Jews' but the Bible clearly calls them "ISRAELITES."



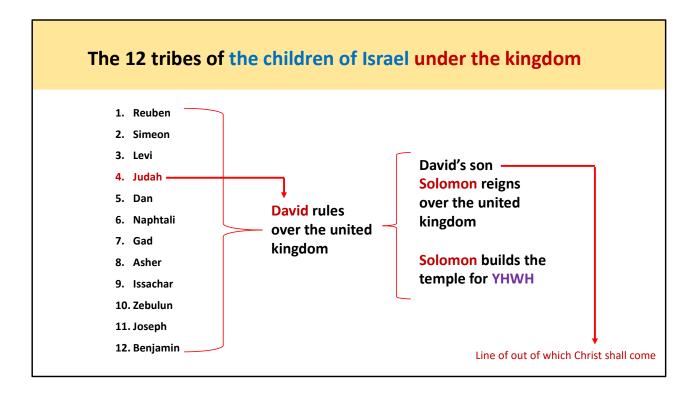
Now the Bible records that God uses a Levite of the tribe of Levi named Moses to help bring out of Egyptian bondage the children of Israel, or twelve tribes of Israel. Again it must be noted that Moses was not Jewish, he was a Levite of the tribe of Levi. Many assume again and often preachers and pastors of churches are witnessed saying or teaching that 'God brought the Jewish people out Egyptian bondage,' but the Bible never states this, yet it does state that God brought ISRAEL out of Egyptian bondage. Terminology is important if were are to teach people the truth of what God's word says.



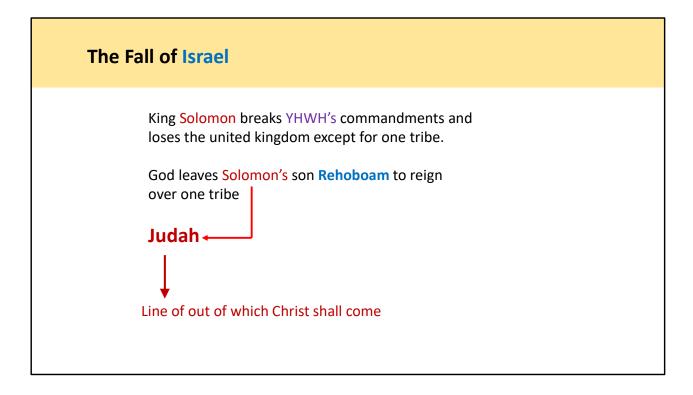
After the children of Israel leave Egypt and pass through Red Sea, they then wander until they arrive at Mount Sinai where the twelve tribes were given the Holy Law of God and God's Covenant and the promise of inheriting the land of Canaan, or the promised land. Note at this time and from this point forward, Israel's faith, so to speak, was embodied in following the law of YHWH and obeying the holy commandments of God. It is not to be confused with the term Judaism, for as you will learn Judaism only comes about several thousand years later in time. Therefore, it is incorrect and an incorrect assumption of many to call the ancient faith of Israel 'Judaism' because it does not exist yet. The Old Testament is not Judaism.



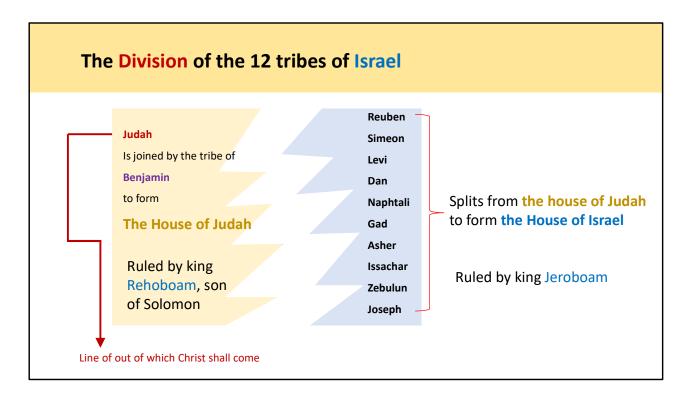
The Bible records that the twelve tribes rejected God and sought for themselves a king like the other sinful nations of the peoples of the lands living around Israel. The first king was Saul from the tribe of Benjamin, and for a brief time king Saul ruled all of Israel, all twelve tribes. But king Saul soon loses the kingdom for his disobedience to God's commandments. Note that out of the tribe of Judah will come the line of the Christ, or the anointed One of YHWH and one day the savior of the world.



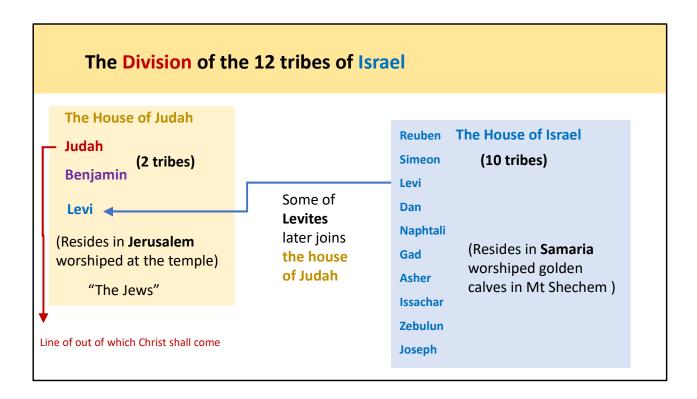
Next we see out of Judah comes the next king to rule over all of Israel, king David, he will rule over the united kingdom of Israel and next give the kingdom to his son Solomon. Solomon not only rules over the full twelve tribes, but also will build the first temple for YHWH to dwell in. Note that through David's line and Solomon's comes the Christ of Israel.



The Bible records that Solomon in his old age breaks God's commandments by worshiping the idols of his many foreign wives and thus God removes the kingdom from Solomon, and leaves him only one tribe under the rule of his son Rehoboam. Rehoboam receives the tribe of Judah. Again, out of Judah will come the line leading to Israel's Christ.



The Bible records that Rehoboam the son of Solomon, dealt harshly with the other tribes and thus the other tribes form a confederacy against Judah. But then one of the tribes named Benjamin joins with Judah and thus begin the formation of the House of Judah. This division of Israelites tribes also forms the House of Israel comprised of ten tribes. The House of Israel is ruled by a new king Jeroboam. Again note out the house of Judah of the tribe of Judah will come the line of the Christ.



Thus we have two tribes of Israel which form the southern house of Judah, also biblically known as "the Jews" residing in Jerusalem and worshiping YHWH at his temple. Later the Levites spilt from the northern house or kingdom of Israel following king Jeroboam's worship of two golden calves, which he causes the ten tribes of Israel to worship in the mountains of Samaria, committing a great sin God will not forget. These two rival houses, or kingdoms of Israel, will be at war for many years to come and at odds with one another. Again, note that out of the house of Judah, and out of the tribe of Judah, will one day come the savior and Christ of YHWH.

# YHWH's Judgments on Israel

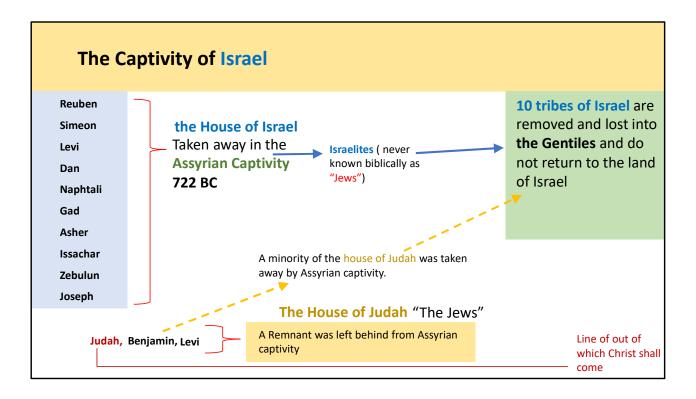
The Children of Israel now divided and at times waring against each other engage in great sins against God and forsake YHWH's law and break his covenant he made with the children of Israel.

God exacts many Judgements on Judah and Israel until YHWH cannot longer stomach Israel's sins.

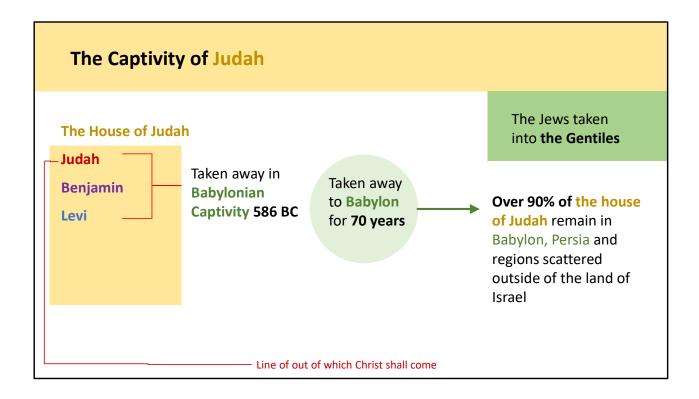
God exacts Judgments on **Israel** using the **Assyrians** to remove Israel from off the land.

Later God judges Judah with the Chaldean Babylonians.

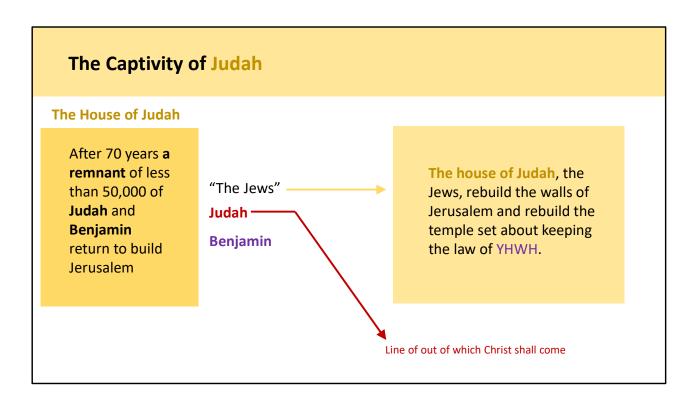
For the next several hundred years the two kingdoms would clash with one another and become less obedient to YHWH and his holy laws, and commandments, sinning greatly before God. Both Israel and Judah sin so greatly that finally God has had enough, and God decides he will remove his chosen people from off the land of Israel. First, YHWH uses the Assyrian Empire, which arose to power, to come and remove the ten tribes of the house of Israel away to Assyria. Then, about 136 years later, God uses the next rising empire, the Babylonian empire, to come and remove the sinful house of Judah away to Babylon.



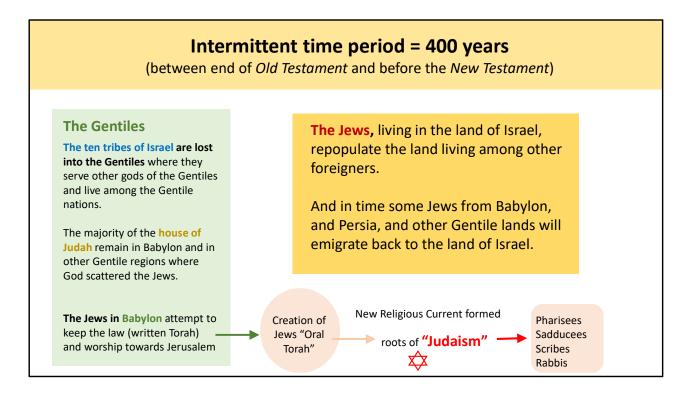
The first captivity mentioned was the Assyrian Captivity in 722 BC when the Assyrians came and took away the ten tribes of the house of Israel to Assyria, a Gentile nation. The northern kingdom of Israel was removed from the land and transported north past the Euphrates river to the land of the Medes according to the Bible. During this captivity of Israel a small portion of Jews of the house of Judah also were taken along with Israel to Assyria, but the over whelming majority of Jews, or Judah, were left by God as a remnant. Out this remnant will come the Christ and Israel's future savior.



About 136 years later, after the first Assyrian captivity in the year 586 BC, YHWH brought the Babylonian captivity on the house, or kingdom of Judah, for its many sins against YHWH and breaking his commandments. According to the Holy Bible, Judah was to taken away to Babylon for seventy years of captivity. The temple of YHWH was burned to the ground and all the holy treasures were taken to Babylon. The majority of Israelite Jews were taken away to Babylon this comprised of 90% or more of Judah staying in Babylon captivity. A very small minority of Jews is recorded to have stayed behind as a remnant of Judah in the land of Israel surrounded by foreigners some whom were implanted by the Babylonians.

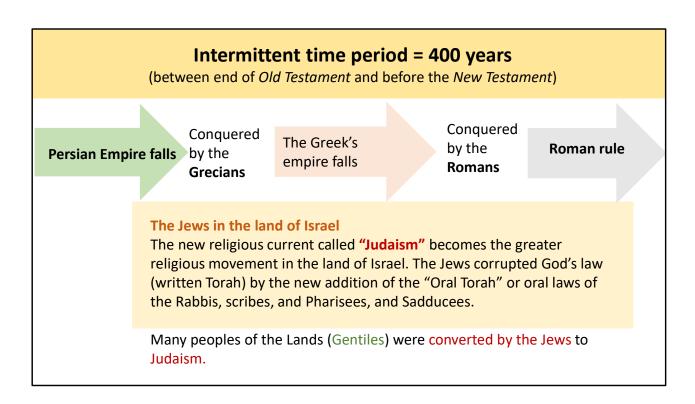


The Holy Bible records that at the end of Seventy of years of captivity in Babylon, the Jews, a very small minority of Jews of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, return by decree of the Persian king to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and then rebuild the temple that was destroyed by the Babylonians seventy years prior.



The status of the story of Israel in the Bible is such that the ten tribes of Israel are scattered across the regions of the Gentiles, having been taken away by the Assyrians north of the Euphrates river, to regions far away from the land of Israel. Several hundred years have passed, and the majority of Judah, or the Jews, are scattered across Babylonia, Persian regions, and other Gentile territories. It is in Babylon that Jews eager to uphold to the law of God begin to formulate an oral tradition towards the written law of YHWH, this oral law, or Oral Torah, becomes the foundation, or roots, of what is become known as 'Judaism' a new religious current which soon grows, and as a fever takes over many of the remaining Jews in the land of Israel.

Over time many Jews will begin to migrate and travel from Babylon and other regions to the land of Israel and worship at the rebuilt second temple.



During the next several hundred years of time, the Persian empire would fall to the Grecian empire, and the Greeks would fall in time to the Roman Empire. During this time Judaism is a strong religious force in the remnant of Judah, or the Jewish people. Many non-Jewish races of peoples of the lands such as the Edomite peoples during this time period are converted to Judaism. Thus you have Gentiles who are proselytized into Judaism and become as Jews.

#### **When Jesus Arrives**

#### **The Gentiles**

The ten tribes of Israel are lost into the Gentiles where they serve other gods of the Gentiles and live among the Gentile nations.

The majority of the house of Judah remain in Babylon and in other Gentile regions where God scattered the Jews.

#### The Jews

The Jewish remnant people of Israel await for the Messiah expecting him to come and save Israel from Gentile Roman rule.

The Jewish ruling religious class (Pharisees, scribes and Sadducees) teaching Judaism control over the people of Israel under Roman rule.

#### The Romans

bear rule over the lands of Palestine and outer regions

Christ is born!

When Christ is born, born of the tribe of Judah, the ten tribes of Israel are more than 700 years long gone into the Gentile nations of the earth. The Jews have been scattered all through the Persian and middle east regions as well as living in land of Israel. The Jews are the sole remnant of Israel now, which await for the prophesied Messiah, the Christ of the Israel's prophets who foretold his coming. Judaism is the main religious current of the day, and a religious group known as the Pharisees, who hold to the oral laws interpreting God's written law, are the high order of the day for the Jewish people of Israel. It is during this backdrop of time under Roman rule that the Christ of Israel, JESUS, was born.

#### **When Jesus Arrives**

Jesus proclaims the coming kingdom of God calling all to repent

#### Mission to the Jews

Jesus teaches in the Jewish synagogues and heals many people

Teaches on the Law of and the ways of God YHWH

Jesus chooses his disciples from Israel

Proclaims he was sent to the lost sheep of Israel

#### Mission to the Gentiles

Jesus ministers in the regions of the Gentiles and heals many

Came to proclaim the New Covenant YHWH made with Israel and to die for the sin of the world

When Jesus arrives on the scene, about 30 AD, as a grown young man, Jesus proclaimed the coming kingdom of God calling for all to repent of their sins. Jesus had a two fold mission, first to have a mission to Israel, or the Jewish remnant of Israel. Jesus goes throughout Judea and the regions of Israel and teaches in the synagogues, healing many as he went along, and teaching about God's law and the ways of God his Father, and to seek righteousness of God. Jesus chose twelve disciples from among Israel to help his ministry. Jesus proclaimed he was sent chiefly to the lost sheep of Israel, all twelve tribes, though only the tribes of the house of Judah was visibly the remnant left that Jesus chiefly ministered to. Jesus Second mission was also to the Gentiles, and Jesus taught and healed a few Gentiles, when he traveled through the Gentile territories within the land of Israel. Lastly, Jesus came to proclaim the New Covenant YHWH made with the children of Israel, and prepare to offer himself for the sin of the world, to die a bloody death for the sin of all Israelites and Gentiles.

#### When Jesus shed his blood on the Cross

Jesus fulfils the law and the prophets

#### **Dies for Israel**

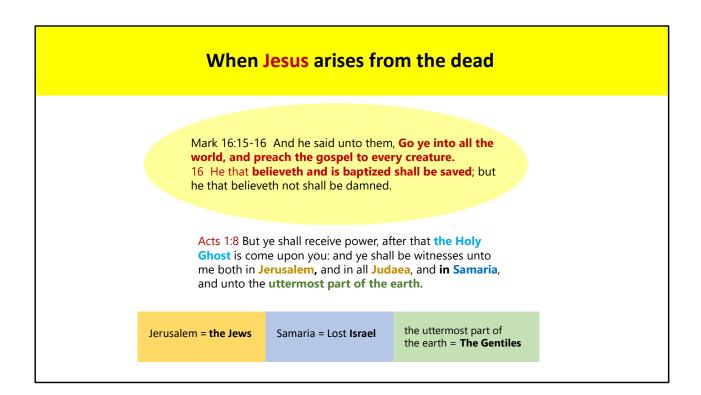
Jesus blood atones of the sins of the children of Israel

#### Dies for the world

Jesus dies for the remission of sins for all peoples

Jesus seals the New Covenant YHWH made with Israel and dies for the sin of the world

When Jesus offers himself and is crucified on the cross shedding his holy blood for the sins of Israel, Jesus fulfilled the law of YHWH and the words of the prophets to make atonement for, first, the children of Israel and their sins, and secondly, he died for the sins of the world all others and their sin committed against YHWH God. When Jesus died on the cross he sealed the New Covenant made with Israel. All those Gentiles or Israelites who come to believe in Jesus will enter into the New Covenant.



When Jesus arises from the dead to be with his Father in heaven seated at the right hand of Almighty God, Jesus appeared to his disciples alive as the risen savior and gives his commission to go into all world and preach the gospel to every person. After forty days from his death on the Passover, Jesus tells his disciples they should wait in Jerusalem to receive power from God, the power of the Holy Ghost, or Holy Spirit, then they shall be witnesses to the gospel of Jesus to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the utmost parts of the earth. Essentially Jesus was directing his disciples to go to the regions of the Jews (Jerusalem), the lost house of Israel (once lived in Samaria) and to the everyone else (the Gentile regions of the earth) to receive the gospel of Jesus the Christ. In this way God will gather all of the remnant of ISRAEL, all twelve tribes through the gospel of Jesus Christ!

# First Peter preaches to the men of Judea and Jerusalem to the Jews Later Peter opens the gospel to the Gentiles

The apostle Peter, the chief disciple of Jesus, begins his new mission after receiving the power of the Holy Ghost and preached to the Jews in Jerusalem and Judea. Later God gives Peter a vision and through the power of the Holy Spirit opens the door to the Gentiles, Peter begins to preach the gospel to the Gentiles as well as the Jews.

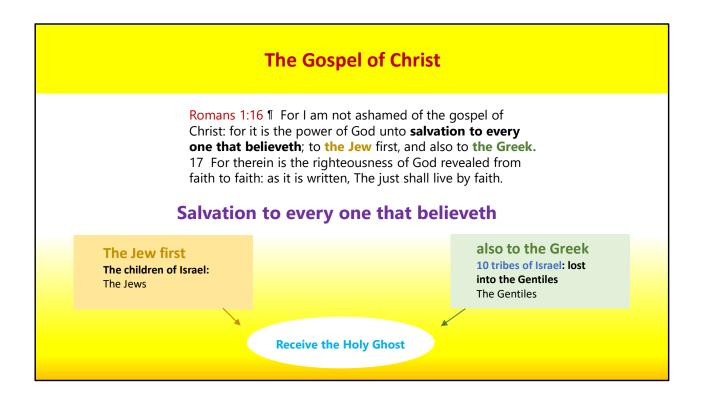
# The apostle Paul

Acts 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

The children of Israel:
The Jews

10 tribes of Israel: lost into the Gentiles The Gentiles

Later after Peter begins reaching out to Jews and Gentiles, a former Pharisee named Saul, who persecuted the early Church of Jesus, is converted by God to become Paul the apostle of Jesus to the Gentiles and Jews, and Israel. His mission is two fold; he is to preach the gospel beginning with the Jews of Judah of Israel, and then he will go to the Gentiles. Remember that the ten tribes of Israel are lost away some more than 700 years among the Gentiles. This is precisely where God sends and chose Paul to minister to.



The Gospel of Jesus and its intended audience can be described in a nutshell by Romans 1:16-17 where Paul wrote in his letter to the Roman church, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto **salvation to every one that believeth**; to **the Jew** first, and also to **the Greek.** For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." In other words, the Salvation of God, through hearing and believing in the gospel of Jesus Christ, is available to everyone whether they be Jews, or the children of Israel, or Gentiles, non-Israelites and non-Israelite regions where the ten lost tribes of Israel were scattered to. Anyone who believes in Jesus will receive the Promise of God of his Holy Spirit – Salvation.

# The Present Kingdom of God on earth

(Age of the Holy Ghost until Jesus returns)

Colossians 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.

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This brings us to the present kingdom of God on earth, and the Age of the Holy Ghost, or Age of the Church, where there is really no difference in Jews or Gentiles if they believe in Jesus Christ for once they believe in Jesus his death, his burial, his resurrection, and his ascension to heaven, they become one in Christ, no longer Jews or Gentiles, but one in Christ Jesus—Christians! – the Children of God – and sons of God!

# **The Consummated Kingdom of God**

(New Heavens and New Earth)

# The Israel of God

Redeemed 12 tribes of Israel

The **Stranger** who has inheritance with **Israel** 

Revelation 7:9 After this I beheld, and, Io, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

This brings us to the end times and the consummation, or fully completed kingdom of God, which is "the Israel of God," God's chosen people, and comprised of redeemed ISRAEL, all twelve tribes of Israel, and the Strangers, or those Gentiles, or everyone else who joined themselves to the New Covenant made with ISRAEL through their faith in Jesus the Christ – King of Israel – Lamb of God – King of kings and Lord of all!

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Revelation 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

In the end, the old world and heavens will pass away, and God creates a New Heaven and a New Earth, and God will reign forever, worshiped and loved by his people, by those chosen of God, the children of God, the people of faith in Christ Jesus who became one people before God -- THE ISRAEL OF GOD!!

I hope you have been blessed by this brief graphical study of ISRAEL and can see exactly where you belong in God's plans and your safe future within a Covenant relationship with God through faith in Jesus the Christ. May God bless you for taking the time to read this and view this presentation.

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