

ARE GOD'S PEOPLE JUST SPIRITUAL ISRAEL?

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The world's church teaches the born again are just spiritual Israel. This is false doctrine! If we repent of our sins, separate from the cursed Adamic race and die to our sins and bloodlines through being submerged into the watery grave at baptism, we shall not only die to our old self in Christ's death, but we are raised up in His resurrection to a newness of life, a new creature, new Israel. Jesus gave His life to redeem us, but we must give ours in baptism to partake of the redemption! When we are obedient to John 3:3, then we are reborn or born again into something new - completely new! No more curse on us. The Adamic race was cursed, not the new creature we have become! This is why Jesus said at John 3:3 to be a part of His Kingdom we must be born again.

John 3:3

3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

God changes not. He is the same today, yesterday and forever. He tells us in Jeremiah 31:1 that He is the God of all the families of Israel, and that they are His people. So if we are born again, we must be new Israel, the people of His kingdom. With all these facts in mind let us consider further.

Is Israel just a little country in the Middle East, occupied by the Jewish people, or is there more for us to understand? The answer is, there is much more to understand!

To begin with, many countries, towns, communities, etc. have been named after the people that live there, and it is no different with Israel, the country. The people that Israel was named after were the descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob. Jacob's 12 sons resulted in the 12 tribes of Israel, but they were not named after a country. They were named after their father, Jacob, whose name had been changed by God to Israel.

Genesis 35:10

10 And God said to him, “Your name is Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but **Israel shall be your name**.” So He called his name **Israel**.

The land that was given to Jacob, or Israel, his 12 sons and their families eventually became known as Israel, the country. So we see the word Israel can mean a people, or their country, depending on the situation being discussed.

In Exodus we see God renewing His covenant with His people, the covenant

made with their forefathers.

Exodus 19:5-6

5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests (government), and a holy nation (people). These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.

But Israel was not obedient or holy. As they passed through the different lands, they took on the pagan religions of the people dwelling there. They eventually fought with one another, and the house of Jacob or the house of Israel was divided. Of course a house divided will fall, and fall they did. Judah and Benjamin, now known as southern Israel, stayed together and the other 10 tribes became lost in the nations. God scattered them by allowing their capture through Sargon II of Assyria. These 10 tribes, now referred to as northern Israel, mixed with the people of the land and eventually were seen no more. The tribe of Benjamin was absorbed into Judah over the years so that all that remained for mankind to see of Jacob's sons and their families was Judah's people. Today, the tribe of Judah is what is referred to as the Jewish people. So, where is the rest of Israel?

The 10 northern tribes of Abraham's seed were scattered and lost in the nations of the world. Lost that is to man, but not lost to God. He knows every hair on our heads, so it is no big deal for the Father to keep track of the bloodline of Jacob, even through crossed many times into the people of the world.

Matthew 10:30

30 "But the very **hairs of your head are all numbered.**

Jesus said He was sent to the lost sheep of Israel.

Matthew 15:24

24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent **except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**"

First He ministered to the Jews, but then after their refusal to hear the new doctrine He said He had another flock that would hear. Since He was sent to the lost sheep of Israel, who would this be? Of course, the 10 lost tribes. The reason the tribe of Judah was kept where man could identify it was so we could correctly trace the birth of Jesus and prove His right to the throne. Also, the early prophets had foretold of His coming and so we needed to see the tribe, the place of birth, etc.

Matthew 2:6

6 ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the **land of Judah**, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler who will **shepherd My people Israel.**”

Notice, Jesus will shepherd or rule My people Israel. In the regeneration, as the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, look at who He, and the faithful who follow Him, are judging.

Matthew 19:28

28 So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, **judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**”

God is still the God of the families of Israel it says at Jeremiah 31:1.

Jeremiah 31:1

1 “At the same time,” says the LORD, “**I will be the God of all the families of Israel**, and **they shall be My people.**”

In verse 9 it says: “I am a **Father to Israel** and **Ephraim** is my **firstborn.**”

So who is Ephraim?

The tribe of Ephraim was the largest of the lost tribes. Over the years all 9 other tribes were absorbed into Ephraim and Ephraim became known as Israel. So the house of Israel was divided into Israel and Judah. In the latter days, however, God will gather His people out of the nations. Jeremiah prophesied of this time:

Jeremiah 31:10-11

10 “Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, And declare it in the isles afar off, and say, **He who scattered Israel** will **gather him**, And **keep him** as a **shepherd does his flock**.

11 For **the LORD has redeemed Jacob**, And **ransomed** him from the **hand of one stronger than he**.

Ezekiel not only foresaw the gathering, but he was shown in a vision that they would be in one accord or united into one house and one kingdom again.

Ezekiel 37:19

19 “say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Surely I will take the **stick of Joseph, which is** in the **hand of Ephraim**, and **the tribes of Israel**, his **companions**; and I will **join them** with it, with **the stick of Judah**, and **make them one stick**, and they will **be one in My hand**.”

Ezekiel 37:22

22 “and I will make them **one nation** in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and **one king shall be king over them all** they shall **no longer be two nations,** **nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again.**

This King is Jesus as He rules Israel through His government. Jesus was a descendant of Jacob or Israel and born to the tribe of Judah in the natural. But, born again He would be the first born of Ephraim. Remember the scripture at Jeremiah 31:9?

Jeremiah 31:9

9 They shall come with weeping, and with supplications I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, in a straight way in which they shall not stumble; for I am a Father to Israel, and **Ephraim is My firstborn.**

Jesus has preeminence in all things.

Colossians 1:18

18 And He (Jesus) is the **head of the body,** the church, who is the **beginning,** the **firstborn from the dead,** that **in all things He may have the preeminence.**

But where do we fit in? Peter explains:

1 Peter 2:9

9 But **you** are a **chosen generation** (newborn Israel) a **royal priesthood** (His government), a **holy nation**, His **own special people**, that **you** may proclaim the praises of Him who **called you out of darkness** into His marvelous light;

We are the new Israel born through God: the people He prophesied about in Psalms 102: 18.

Psalm 102:18

18 This will be written for **the generation to come**, that a **people yet to be created** may praise the LORD.

Galatians 3:27-29

27 For as many of **you** as **were baptized into Christ** have put on Christ.

28 There is **neither Jew nor Greek**, there is neither **slave nor free**, there is neither **male nor female** for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And **if you are Christ's**, then **you are Abraham's seed, and heirs** according to **the promise**.

This promise is the promise first made to Abraham then carried on to Isaac and now us. Again let us look at Romans 9:7-8.

Romans 9:7-8

7 nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, “In **Isaac your seed** shall be **called**.”

8 That is, **those who are the children of the flesh**, these are **not** the **children of God** but the **children of the promise** are **counted as the seed**.

Unfortunately old Israel, God's beloved, turned her back on Jesus.

John 10:22-31

22 Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter.

23 And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon’s porch.

24 Then **the Jews** surrounded Him and said to Him, “How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

25 Jesus answered them. “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me.

26 “But you do not believe, because **you are not of My sheep**, as I said to you. (We just read that He was talking to Jews.)

27 “**My sheep hear My voice, and **I know them**, and **they follow Me** (New Israel)**

28 “And I give **them eternal life**, and they shall never perish neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

29 “My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all and no one is

able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

30 "I and My Father are one."

31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

He wept over Jerusalem just before He went to the cross. He loved her very, very much.

Luke 19:41-42

41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it,

42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But **now they are hidden from your eyes**."

They would no longer understand truth, because they did not see Him as the Messiah. He is truth. Therefore they would have to become new creatures or be born again. Remember, unless a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom - John 3:3. Old Adamic Israel would be defeated by her enemies once again, and this time it would be her end forever!

Luke 19:43-45

43 "For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side,

44 "and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another because **you did not know the**

time of your visitation.”

How very sad! Jesus said:

Matthew 23:37-39

37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often **I wanted to gather your children together**, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!”

38 “See! **Your house is left to you desolate;**

39 “for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

They must recognize the Messiah and those He walks through. Rom 9:6 tells us not all Israel is Israel, and he explains in verse 7, nor are they children of God just because they are Abraham’s seed in the flesh.

Romans 9:6

6 But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For **they are not all Israel who are of Israel,**

But, good news is found in Hebrews 8:8.

Hebrews 8:8-10

8 Because finding fault with them, He says: “Behold, **the days are coming**, says the Lord, when I will make **a new covenant** with the **house of Israel** and with the **house of Judah**--

9 “**not** according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because **they** did not continue in My covenant, and I **disregarded them**, says the Lord.

10 “For **this** is the covenant that I will make with **the house of Israel** after those days, says the Lord: **I will put My laws in their mind** and **write them on their hearts** and **I** will be **their God**, and **they** shall be **My people**.

This is what God does for us as new Israel when we are resurrected from death at baptism to new life. The law will show us God's will and truth is put back in our hearts and minds once again to build the new earth and establish the Kingdom. Like Adam and Eve before their fall, the law will be in us as a guide and over us for protection.

So here is the Good News of the gospel, He loves the world (all creation) and His people have not been lost from His sight!

Romans 8:29-30

29 For whom He **foreknew**, He also **predestined** to be conformed to the **image of His Son**, that He might be **the firstborn** among **many brethren**.

30 Moreover whom He **predestined**, these He also **called** whom He called, these He also justified and whom He justified, these He also **glorified**.

How does He do this?

Remember **John 3:3**.

3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**”

We cannot be a part of the cursed Adamic race, no matter what our bloodlines are, and be a part of God’s Kingdom. Remember who the seed of Abraham really is?

Galatians 3:27-29

27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And **if** you are **Christ’s**, **then** you are **Abraham’s seed**, and **heirs according to the promise.**

So we are not as the traditional church teaches, Spiritual Israel. We are born again, New Israel. We are not in the image of the first man, Adam, that begat the people of old Israel any longer. We are in the image of the last Adam!

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

45 And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.” The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust the second Man is the Lord from heaven.

48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

We are the body of Christ! Israel means: a powerful prevailing Prince, Soldier of God, one who rules with the Almighty. This is the race of new creatures, born of God through baptism.

Romans 6:5

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

When united with others of like kind, they will be the vessels God will live through to regain dominion over this planet.

1 Corinthians 15:22-25

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

He will deliver the Kingdom back to the Father through His body. Through His government He will act as head of the church to put an end to all rule, authority and power of Satan in the apostate church and the systems of man. Christ will rise up against the body of Satan through His people and defeat their kingdoms through those chosen to be His government.

1 Corinthians 3:16

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

Colossians 1:27

27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

In closing, as human vessels we will either house Jesus Christ, or he who is Antichrist: the lawless one, Satan. We are either a vessel of honor or a vessel of dishonor. As newborn Israel we can make the same mistakes old Israel made and be forsaken of God as she was, or we can become the manifested children of the Most High, a new species, children of truth, children of the promise, heirs of the Kingdom, real, not just spiritual Israel!!

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