

of Israel:

Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

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.

For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son. (Romans 9:1-9)

What does this mean? It means, there are Jews *according to the flesh*, (First Born) and Jews *according to the spirit, or promise* of God in Isaac (Born Again). Which one are you? For they are “not ALL Israel, which are of Israel.”

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (John 3:3,6)

Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. (1John 2:13)

Jehovah God said, when speaking through the prophet Zechariah:

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. (Zechariah 12:10)

“They shall look upon me {God} whom they have pierced” is a foreshadow of Jesus' death on the cross.

For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. (Psalm 22:16)

Beloved Jew, if you do not accept Jesus whom the Father sent, you will perish.

Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

I {JESUS} am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. (Revelation 1:7,8)

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. (Revelation 3:9)

## **WHAT ABOUT THE JEWS?**

God chose the Israelites to be His people. He made a covenant with them, and He promised them redemption through the Messiah (or anointed one).

The Tanakh contains many, many prophecies relating to the Messiah. Did you know that Jesus Christ fulfilled these prophecies-- over 333 of them? The prophet Isaiah foretold of Jesus' death and burial approximately 600 years prior to it happening. The book of Isaiah reads,

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the

transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (Isaiah 53:3-12)

Jesus died on the cross, taking our sins upon him. He is “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29) His blood delivers us from death, just as the blood on the doorposts during Passover delivered the

Israelites from the death of their firstborn. Jesus is the sacrificial, paschal Lamb. And just as the whole congregation of Israel was to kill the lamb on the Passover, so the whole congregation (elders, priests, etc.) killed Jesus the Lamb of God on the Passover. He made his grave with the wicked (two thieves were crucified with him on either side of him), and with the rich in his death (Joseph of Arimathaea, who was rich, buried Jesus in his own tomb).

David prophesied:

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him. (Psalm 2:12)

Jesus referred to himself as the Son of God:

Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? (John 10:34-36)

God tells us that His own arm brought salvation unto Him (Isaiah 63:5). He goes on to explain that He is the Savior:

For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour.

In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. (Isaiah 63:8,9)

Although this scripture refers to how God took care of Jews in Old Testament times, it foreshadows what He would do for them by providing Jesus as their Savior. In fact, HE HIMSELF would be their Savior, because Jesus *is* God. Before you shun this declaration, think about the following question for a moment. Who was in the Garden of Eden with God? God said, Let US make man in OUR image after OUR likeness (Genesis 1:26,27). He couldn't have been referring to Satan, because God did not create mankind after the image and likeness of Satan! If we study the Hebrew word for *God* in this

passage of scripture, it is ELOHIM, the plural form of God, implying *more than one*. But yet, "Hear O Israel, the Lord thy God is ONE Lord." (Deuteronomy 6:4) He is God in three persons, but ONE. He is God the Father in Heaven, God the Son who came to earth to die (Yeshua Ha Massiach), and God the Holy Spirit. Like a clover that has three leaves, but yet on *one* stem. Like a man who leaves his father and mother and becomes *one* flesh with his wife. Yet, they are two.

So what about the Jew who does not accept Jesus Christ as the promised Messiah?

Jeremiah prophesied of the spiritual circumcision that would identify a TRUE JEW:

Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings. (Jeremiah 4:4)

Paul the apostle, once a pharisee of the pharisees who persecuted the Christians until Jesus appeared to him, echoed the prophet's admonition:

For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly, neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

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. (Romans 2:28,29)

Paul went on to say,

I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh.

Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are