

Who is the true Israel?

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Ro. 10:4. "For Christ is the <u>fulfillment</u> of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes."

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Titus 1:13-14 "Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth."

# Are Jews today descended from the 12 tribes?

"The Khazarian Hypothesis suggests that Eastern European Jews descended from the Khazars, a mixture of Turkic clans that settled the Caucasus in the early centuries CE and converted to Judaism in the eighth century...Following the collapse of their empire, the Judeo-Khazars fled to Eastern Europe. The rise of European Jewry is therefore explained by the contribution of the Judeo-Khazars." published by the Oxford Journal on behalf of the Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution.

## Are Jews today practicing Judaism?

"Many Jews today do not adhere to any form of Torah or Talmud laws or tradition, not to mention being obligated to Orthodox law observances. There are many Jewish organizations and movements that, while clearly defined by themselves as Jewish, just as clearly do not see themselves part of any form of religious tradition. And of course there are Jews who do not affiliate themselves with anything Jewish, who might not even define themselves as Jewish. So, Jew is not a religion."

### Are Jews today a nation?

"We also don't fit the definition of a nation. A large group of people living within a certain territory speaking the same language. Most Jews don't live in Israel and don't speak Hebrew. So a Jew is not a religion, ethnicity or a nation. We are a family held together by common values."

#### Land?

Josh 21:45 "Not one word of all the good promises that the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass."

Heb 11:13-16 "having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ....... But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one."

Gal 3:16 "Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his seed. It does not say, "And to seeds," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your seed," who is Christ."

#### Kingdom?

1 Cor 15:23-24 "Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

Isa 42:6-7 "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness."

Hosea 11:1 "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son."

Matt 2:14-15 "And Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Luke 9:30-31 "And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem."

"departure" = Exodus

Isaiah 41:8-9, the prophet spoke of a future restoration of Israel in these terms. "But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, 'You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off."

Matt 12:15-21

Galatians 3:7-8, Paul says "know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, 'In you shall all the nations be blessed.'"

Galatians 3:29 "if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise."

Dt 30:1-3 "you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, and return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, then the Lord your God I will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you."

