

Jews in Romans, genetic or/and spiritual

the Jew first (why does scripture say they're 1st)...no distinction between Jew and Greek. Rom.1:16, 2:9-10, Mt.15:24, 21, 22

Illus: Pastor Mike sometimes says to his Jewish friends, he is more Jewish than they are! What does he mean and why does he say that?

Are the promises of God to Israel in the O.T., now for the church?

Has the church replaced Israel?

Can you be a Jew today and oppose the nation state of Israel?

Can you be a Jew and an Atheist?

Is the Old Testament obsolete, and its promises to Israel? Which Israel?

Are we the children of Abraham now? YES

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Rom 2:9-10, 17, 28-29 [There will be] tribulation and distress for every soul of mankind who does evil, for the Jew first and also for the Greek, 10 but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who does what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ... 17 But if you call yourself a Jew and rely upon the Law and boast in God, ... 28 **For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. 29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from people, but from God.**

Rom 3:1-4 NASB20 **Then what advantage does the Jew have?** Or what is the benefit of circumcision? 2 Great in every respect. First, that they were entrusted with the actual words of God. 3 What then? **If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it?** 4 Far from it! Rather, God must prove to be true, though every person [be found] a liar, as it is written: "SO THAT YOU ARE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS, AND PREVAIL WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED."

Rom 3:9, 29 NASB20 9 What then? Are we better [than they?] Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; ... 29 Or is God [the God] of Jews only? Is He not [the God] of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also,

Rom 9:24 [namely] us, whom He also called, not only from among Jews, but also from among Gentiles,

Rom 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same [Lord] is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him;

No Difference – Jews and Gentiles are all sinners needing the same Savior!

Rom.1:16 (gospel is same for both)

2:9-11, no partiality with God.

3:9 both Jews and Greeks are all under sin;

3:29 is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also,

9:24 not only from among Jews, but also from among Gentiles,

Rom.10:12 no distinction between Jew and Greek

Genetic/Biological "chosen people" Jew –

2:17 **call yourself a Jew** and **rely on the law!**

2:28 he is not a Jew who is **one outwardly**,

Rom.3:1-3 (**some did not believe**),

9:3 I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of **my countrymen, my kinsmen according to the flesh**, 4 who are Israelites...5 from whom is the Christ **according to the flesh**

10:1 Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and **my prayer to God for them (Israel) is for their salvation**

11:1-15 God has not rejected His people, has He? Far from it! For I too am an Israelite... **THEY HAVE KILLED YOUR PROPHETS, EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT**, 14 if somehow I may move **my own people** to jealousy and save some of them.

Rom 11:25 For I do not want you, brothers [and sisters,] (see 9:3 **kinsmen acc. To flesh**) to be uninformed of this mystery--so that you will not be wise in your own estimation--that **a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;**

11:26 so **all Israel will be saved... 28 In relation to the gospel they are enemies** on your account, but in relation to God's choice they are beloved on account of the fathers

Rom 11:7 What then? **What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened;**

Spiritual Jew, child of Abraham, includes all true believers, even gentiles! –

Rom.2:29 **But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is of the heart, by the Spirit,**

Rom 4:1, 11-13, 16-18 What then shall we say that **Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh**, has found? ... 11 and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, **so that he might be the father of all who believe** without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them, 12 and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but **who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham** which he had while uncircumcised. 13 For **the promise to Abraham or to his descendants** that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith. ... 16 For this reason [it is] by faith, in order that [it may be] in accordance with grace, so that **the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all**, 17 (as it is written: "I HAVE MADE YOU A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS") in the presence of Him whom he believed, [that is,] God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that do not exist. 18 In hope against hope he believed, **so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE."**

Rom.9:6-7 **they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel, nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants... 8 it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise**

Rom 9:24 [namely] us, **whom He also called, not only from among Jews, but also from among Gentiles,**

9:27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL MAY BE LIKE THE SAND OF THE SEA, ONLY THE REMNANT WILL BE SAVED;

Elsewhere:

1Co 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, **whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

Gal 3:28 **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.**

Eph 3:6 [to be specific,] that **the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body**, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,

Col 3:11 [a renewal] in which **there is no [distinction between] Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised**, barbarian, Scythian, slave, [and] free, but Christ is all, and in all.

Isa 19:23-25 On that day there will be a road from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians will come into Egypt and the Egyptians into Assyria; and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians. 24 On that day Israel will be the third [party] to Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, 25 whom the LORD of armies has blessed, saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance."

Isa 49:6 He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the protected ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Isa 66:18 "For I know their works and their thoughts; the time is coming to gather all the nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My glory."

Jer 16:19 LORD, my strength and my stronghold, And my refuge in the day of distress, To You the nations will come From the ends of the earth and say, "Our fathers have inherited nothing but falsehood, Futility, and things of no benefit."

Hos 2:23 "I will sow her for Myself in the land. I will also have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion, And I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they will say, '[You are] my God!'"

Amo 9:12 So that they may possess the remnant of Edom And all the nations who are called by My name," Declares the LORD who does this.

Mic 4:2 Many nations will come and say, "Come and let's go up to the mountain of the LORD And to the house of the God of Jacob, So that He may teach us about

His ways, And that we may walk in His paths." For from Zion will go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Zec 2:11 "And many nations will join themselves to the LORD on that day and will become My people. Then I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that the LORD of armies has sent Me to you.

Mal 1:11 "For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My name [shall be] great among the nations, and in every place frankincense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering [that is] pure; for My name [shall be] great among the nations," says the LORD of armies.

Mat 12:21 "AND IN HIS NAME THE GENTILES WILL HOPE."

Act 10:34-35 Opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand [now] that God is not one to show partiality, 35 but in every nation the one who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him.

Act 13:47 "For so the Lord has commanded us, 'I HAVE APPOINTED YOU AS A LIGHT TO THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.'"

Luk 21:24 and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until [the] times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

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