

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

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PART 16: WILL THE REAL JEW STAND UP

The ninth chapter is the most important New Testament document in establishing who the children of God are. Paul was from the tribe of Benjamin and also called himself a Jew and an Israelite. **Romans 11:1**

Paul was grieved that the people of Israel had rejected Jesus as their Messiah and was willing to give up his own salvation if it meant saving the Jews living at that time. **Romans 9:1-3**

WHO ARE THE ISRAELITES?

Who are the real Israelites? This is a question that leads to conflict and it would later cost Paul his life when he was beheaded by the Roman government. **verses 4-5**

There is more to it than just being a blood descendant. Tracing your lineage from Abraham and adhering to Judaism doesn't automatically make you a child of God. **verses 6-7**

There were no Khazar Jews when Paul penned this letter. The Khazar Empire was located between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea, reaching north into Russia. It existed between 600 A.D. and 1224 A.D.

The king of Khazaria embraced Judaism around 700 A.D. and invited Jewish rabbis to come and convert the people to Judaism. Synagogues were built and for the next 500 years Khazaria became a Jewish kingdom. They were known throughout the world as the 13th tribe.

The Khazar Empire was conquered by the Mongols around 1224 A.D. and the population fled before the onslaught of these fierce and ruthless fighters who killed, raped, and burnt cities. Millions of Khazar Jews were pushed north into Russia and others fled westward and settled in the Balkans to the south and Austria, Hungary, Poland and the Baltic States in the north. In time they developed their own language known as Yiddish. By the 19th century all Jews in Eastern Europe and Russia spoke Yiddish.

God allowed Gentiles to be grafted into the First Covenant before Jesus came to the earth as the Messiah. Some prominent examples would be Rahab the harlot, Ruth the Moabite and Uriah the Hittite that served in King David's army. **Joshua 6:25; Ruth 4:10-13; 2 Samuel 11:3**

Rahab, Ruth, Uriah and others were under the First Covenant that God had made with the twelve tribes of Israel; they were grafted in and received the same promise of a Messiah that one day would come and redeem them from their sins. Even though Ruth was a Gentile, she was still included in the lineage of Jesus. **Matthew 1:5-6**

The Khazar's were Gentiles who originated from Western Asia.



FIRST COVENANT

The First Covenant was abolished when Jesus died on the cross. **Hebrews 9:7-13, 11-28**

According to the teachings of Jesus, the first covenant between God and the people of Israel ceased to exist at the moment His physical body died on the cross! **John 19:30**

This means that Judaism has no value as far as God is concerned and that everyone who embraced Judaism after the cross, converted into a religious system that has been rejected by God and will bring all of them to hell. **John 3:3-7, 14; 14:6; Acts 4:7-12; Revelation 2:11-15**

Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Mormonism and Jehovah's Witnesses have the following in common:

- ❖ They deny that Jesus is the Messiah of Israel.
- ❖ They deny that Jesus was God incarnate (in the flesh).
- ❖ They all claim to have the truth.

Here is what the apostle John said about these religions. **1 John 4:1-6**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?