

# Jew & Israelite

Do the terms Jew and Israelite apply to the same people? Much trouble has been caused by a misunderstanding of this question.

1. The name Israel was first given to Jacob. Gen.32.28 See our tract, "Israel's Origin."

2. Jacob's 12 sons were the 12 tribes of Israel. Gen. 49.28

Reuben	Simeon	Levi
Judah	Zebulun	Issachar
Dan	Gad	Asher
Naphtali	Joseph	Benjamin

3. Ephraim and Manasseh, the two sons of Joseph, added two tribes replacing Joseph's tribe. Num. 1.33,35

4. This made a total of 13 tribes, of which God took Levi. Num. 8.14

Reuben	Simeon	Judah
Zebulun	Issachar	Dan
Gad	Asher	Naphtali
Benjamin	Ephraim	Manasseh
Levi - God's Tribe		

5. On division of the land:-

**a** - Simeon was within Judah.

**b** - Levi was in all 12 tribes.

Gen. 49.7 Joshua 19.1-9 ch. 21

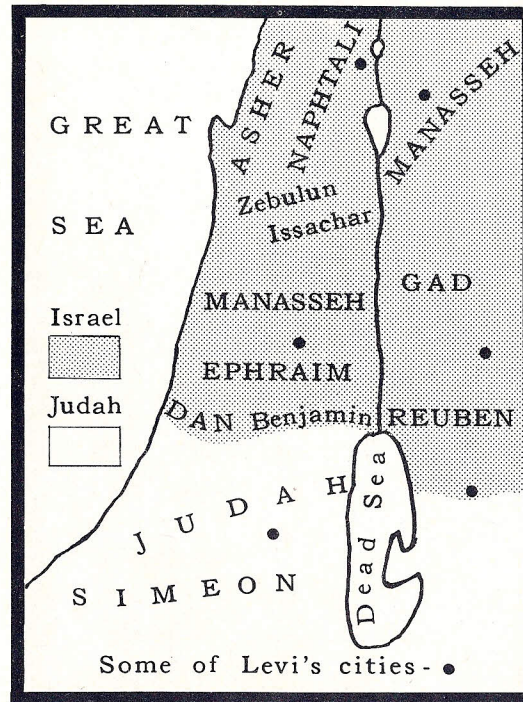
6. At Solomon's death Israel was divided. 1 Kings 11.31,36

**a** - 10 Tribes to Jeroboam.

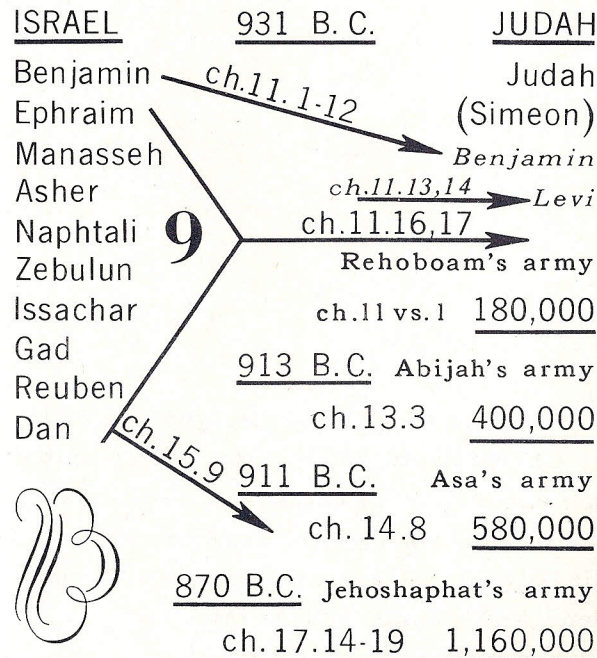
**b** - 1 Tribe to Rehoboam.

**c** - 2 Tribes scattered.

**13 TOTAL**



7. Growth of Judah's army - 2 Chr.



MANY OF ISRAEL NOW IN JUDAH

8. Invading armies took many prisoners from both Judah and Israel into captivity. In 722 B.C. Israel went into final captivity. In 586 B.C. Judah followed Israel into captivity. It was in this period the term **Jew** began.

## Summary -

**a** - Thousands from Israel moved to Judah; note the army growth.

**b** - Only the best were taken into exile. 2 Kings 24.14; 25.12

**c** - Israel finally had only parts of 9 tribes, not 10.

The term Jew (from Judah) was applied to any of the exiles as it was impossible to know the tribe.

Mordecai a Jew, a Benjamite.

Esther 2.5

After Israel's captivity, "Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah"

2 Chr. 30.1-13

**JEW & ISRAELITES**

**are the same people.**

Paul said, "I also am an Israelite." But he also said, "We being Jews." (Rom. 11. 1; Gal. 2.15) We find the same people called Jews, men of Israel, all the house of Israel in Acts 2.5, 22, 36. In Rom. 3.1 we find the men who wrote the Bible called Jews yet many were not from the tribe of Judah.

**NO TRIBE LOST**

"To the 12 tribes which are scattered abroad,

**GREETING."**

James 1.1