

COULD THE MODERN JEWS BE ISRAEL?

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Although the Bible is the main source of information in this paper, there are quotations given in support from various Jewish Encyclopaedia as well as from the Roman historian Josephus. Modern Jewry should find no offence at direct quotations from their own written encyclopedia. Modern Jewry is able to talk about being the singular ancient people chosen by God, about being Edom and also about being multi-racial at the same time. Christians and non-Christians have been mis-lead into thinking that the word "Jews" refers to a singular race of people being God's chosen people, but in fact, this is not so. The "Jews" returning to the State of Israel today are multi-racial and we could hardly admit that a Chinese Jew and a Negro Jew are of the same race, in the historic meaning of the word 'race'.

We will start with three references from "Jewish" sources which may help those who have been led to believe that the word "Jews" relates specifically to Israelites.

1. From Alfred M. Lilienthal's book "*What Price Israel*". "*Here's a paradox: an anthropological fact, many Christians have more Hebrew-Israelite blood in their veins than their Jewish neighbours*".
2. The Jewish author Yair Davidy in his book "*The Tribes-Israelite Origins Of Western Peoples*" [Foreword by Rabbi A. Field] tells in much detail that the Saxon folks are Israel.
3. Jewish author Harry Golden wrote in 1967: "*Isaiah the prophet wrote that the remnant of Yahweh's people would be found in the Islands of the sea*". These Islands are shown to be North and West of Palestine, i.e. the United Kingdom.
4. Modern Jewish authorities who say, "*Modern Jewry is Edom* [i.e., they descend from Esau, not Isaac].

Quoting from the modern Messianic Jewish writer John Fischer in his book, "*The Olive Tree Connection*", we find:

Page 96. "*The Jews of today are truly a people from many ethnic, cultural and racial backgrounds.*"

Page 97. "*Jewishness, however, consists of many elements: sociological, cultural, ethnic, religious, national, racial, historical, psychological and intellectual. The strength and mixture of these elements varies from person to person. This variety, therefore makes Jewishness elusive to define*".

Jewishness is elusive to define simply because "*many*" racial and ethnic backgrounds cannot be one singular racial and ethnic background at the same time. At the time of the gospels a similar situation existed. The reader might readily see the multi-racial situation with the modern Jew, but at the time of the first advent, this is not so obvious.

Mr. Fischer goes on to say:

"Perhaps the Jews of the world are best described as a large community of people undergirded by a strong set of traditions".

These traditions were, and still are, a strong deceiving spiritual force. Traditions or religion do not specify race; traditions do not make any people the people of The Book. Jesus had problems with the Jewish traditions and we will see that the spirit behind these traditions is one which enabled Jesus to say some very disparaging things about the Jews in Judea that highlight both racial and belief factors.

The very title to this chapter might well astound those who have been brought up to believe that "The Jews" always means Israelites. One of the strange things about the words "*Jew*", "*Jews*", and "*The Jews*" as used today, is that these terms are not generalised in the Hebrew and Greek originals the way they are commonly used today.

According to the popular concept the words "Jew" is supposed to relate to Israel, or to all of God's "*chosen race*" as a single entity. But, prophecy from Moses on gives separation between each tribe of Israel and also separation in destiny between the House of Israel and the House of Judah, right

into the "last days". Yet, somehow the Churches can lump the tribes of Israel all together and call them "The Jews" together with any person of any race who calls himself a Jew.

Most Christians are also able to talk a lot of nonsense when it comes to the subject of Jews. At one time they can talk about a non-Israel "Church" which is also supposed to have inherited the same promises that were made to Israel and at the same time talk about Jews being Israel. In effect Christians talk of two Israels. Also, we hear popular but nonsensical sayings such as "Abraham was the first Jew". If "Jew" is supposed to relate to Judah, then Abraham descended from his own great-grandson, since he pre-dated the Tribe of Judah by three generations. And, if Abraham was a Jew, then the Arabs who descended through Abraham's son Ishmael would also have to be Jews as would all and every one of the many nations Abraham was father to. So, there is much misconception about the word "Jew". In the Book of Revelation, Jesus says that there are people who call themselves "Jews", but who are not Jews in fact. Let us first work through this to try to find out who these false Jews are.

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT,

We find the words, 'Yehuwdah' or 'Yehuwdiy' used 813 times in the Old Testament and they are usually translated as Judah, but as "Jew" or "Jews" in the books of 1st Chronicles, Esther, Ezra, Nehemiah, Jeremiah and Daniel. In the remainder of the Old Testament, "Jews" usually refers to the remnant of the House or Tribe of Judah which returned to Palestine from Babylon. "Yehuwdah" simply means 'Judah' and is the name of the patriarch Judah. It is used to refer to the tribe which stemmed from him. It is also used for the land or territory occupied by that people, and following the division of Israel after Solomon's death, it was used for the House or Kingdom of Judah. This was the only term used in this way up to the time of the Babylonian captivity. Following their deportation into Babylon, another term was employed. This was 'Yehudi' [plural 'yehudim']. Originally this word meant an inhabitant of Judea, or the people who came from that country. As such it does not necessarily represent descendants of Judah, but can include any people of other races who resided there. It came also to represent any persons, irrespective of racial origin who embraced the Jewish religion, Judaism.

From Josephus..Antiquities, Book X1, V.7 we read,

So the Jews prepared for the work; that is the name they are called by from the day that they came up from Babylon, which is taken from the tribe of Judah, which came first to these places, and thence both they and the country gained that appellation".

By the time of our Lord, this people had absorbed proselytes from many other sources. Particularly the nations of the Idumeans and Itureans were completely absorbed into Jewry, and made Judaism their religion. This explains the antagonism of the Jews towards Jesus, and He made reference to their practice of encouraging proselytes into the nation.

The nation that formed in Palestine after the captivity of Judah in Babylon, was made up mainly of people from the Tribes of Judah and Benjamin, together with some Levites. They settled in two regions, with Judah primarily in Judea and with Benjamin in Galilee, and internally they are referred to as Judeans and Galileans in the New Testament. The Judeans of the region of Judea came to include all the people living there, regardless of their racial origins. All these people are referred to by translators as "Jews", because they were "of Judea". But this does not mean "of Judah" only. Included in the population were many descendants of Esau-[Edomites]; these came to control the temple, but these leaders were they of whom Jesus said could not hear [and understand] His words.

This is agreed to by modern Jewish authorities:

Encyclopedia Judaica Vol 10-21:

"From the division of Israel and Judah, the term Yehudi applied to all the residents of the Southern Kingdom, irrespective of tribal status".

The word "Jews" did not apply to the Northern Kingdom. It never has!

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, we have differing words rendered as Jews:

loudas

Strong G2455: "of the descendants of Judah" -[Hebrews 8:8 where it is a racial term].

Thayer: "Praised or celebrated...see Gen 29:35- the tribe of Judah, the descendants of Judah".

loudas is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew *Yehudah*. In the nine N.T. references it is rendered as Judah, Juda or Judas, always is reference to Judah, his descendants, or their country.

<u>loudaios</u>	Strong G2453	“-or belonging to Jehudah or of Judea [in the sense of “as a country”].
	Thayer	“The word is also used of Christian converts from Judaism [Gal 2:13] -of Jewish Christians
	Vine	“It especially denotes the typical representatives of Jewish thought contrasted with believers in Christ”.

This then is more a matter of being a Jew by religion or region, rather than by race.

loudaios is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew *Yehudi*. It is translated as “Jew” and includes proselytes to Judaism.

Thus we can see that the generalisation of the word Jew cannot be sustained in Scripture. One Greek word tells of all the peoples occupying the land of that part of the covenant people, while the other tells of the covenant House of Judah in isolation. “*loudaios*” does not specifically refer to race at all, and usually refers to people who are not of the descendants of Judah. This does not mean to say that there were no “*loudas*” [Judahites] or members of other tribes amongst them. From all this we can see that Jew and Judah are not synonymous terms and that there is a sharp distinction between them. It follows that the name ‘Israel’ should not be applied to the Jewish people as a whole, or the country that they occupy.

Historically, in the land of Judea, as well as Judahites, there were Caananites, Edomites, and others, some of whom had become proselytes to the Jewish religion. As a consequence these were labelled “Jews” since they were “Jews” by religion and “Jews” and they lived in the land of Judea. But these were not of the descendants of Judah! The territorial term explains how Paul could be called a Jew. Paul was a Benjamite -[Philippians 3:5]. Paul and eleven of the disciples did not descend from the Tribe of Judah.

To help with understanding here it must be pointed out that the word “*loudaios*” can cover a mixture of races which may include some of “*loudas*”, both of which were in the territory of Judea. In the New Testament, the words translated as “The Jews” are used in a bad sense, whereas today they are commonly used in a good sense. Jesus continually condemned “The Jews” [plural] as did the Apostle Paul. “The Jew” [singular] as used in Romans is used in a different sense. First of all then, we will consider the bad sense in which “The Jews” is usually used in Scripture.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This territorial term for “Jews” in Greek is in line with the United Nations and Race Relations Conventions, where the historic dictionary definition of “ethnic”, which essentially means, “peoples who are other than Christians or Jews”, has been changed. The re-interpretation now is made to refer to any group’s common or characteristic customs, culture, classification, traditions, beliefs, speech, descent, colour, or ethnological division or national origin. In this context multi-racial Jews can thus now be claimed to be an ethnic group. “Anti-Semitic” now is made to refer to anything against the new concept of having this “Jewish” ethnic group.

In Judea, there were many races, and these could all be called “Jews” in the sense of being “Judeans”, having this territory and/or a religious belief in common. Hence the phrase “*The Jews*” does not necessarily mean any common genetic origin such as physical descent from Abraham through Isaac. Jesus, in the Book of John chapter eight, was talking to the Judean leadership in the treasury who historically were mainly of Edomite extraction, and hence this majority were not Israelites in the racial and Biblical meaning. “*Israelite*” is a genetic racial-tribal term through Scripture.

In this book, the word translated as “The Jews” and “Judeans” refers to the Judeans of any race in the territorial or religious sense, [not the racial sense] and this must be taken this way. It may not relate to Israel racially at all. The word “Judahite” is used in this book to refer to the House of Judah which is racial.

THEY “WHICH SAY THEY ARE JEWS, BUT ARE NOT”.

Rev 2:9	“I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are of the synagogue of Satan....”
Rev 3:9	“Behold, I will make them of the Synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie...”

At face value, the translation is saying that there are people who say that they are Jews but who are not Jews in fact. The common acceptance of the word "Jew" says every Jew, regardless of race, is a good Jew, and that everyone who says that he is a Jew is a Jew. Jesus is contradicting this. Let us go a little further and see some other things Jesus says about "The Jews."

JOHN CHAPTER EIGHT.

V21 "Ye shall seek Me, but **SHALL DIE** in your sins...."

This thought might upset some Christians who generalise everything and teach that "everyone who seeks will find" in the way they do. The "ye" is to the particular people being addressed. Jesus says of these Jews that they "shall die" in their sins. So it does not include everyone in Judea. The "Jew" by race and the "Jew" by religious tradition may not be the same thing. We will again see that amongst the Judeans there was a racial mix, and that those of the Judahites could believe, whereas some of the non-Israel proselytes to Judaism could not believe [See v31].

V21 "...Whither I go, ye **CANNOT COME**".

Jesus is saying that it is impossible for this portion of the Jews to go where He was going.

V23 "Ye are **FROM BENEATH**".

This is in contradistinction to "from above" in the same verse, or the term Christians usually but incorrectly refer to as "born again". The Greek word reads "*begotten from above*".

V44 "Ye are of **YOUR FATHER THE DEVIL**".

V47 "Ye are **NOT OF GOD**".

These are clear statements about who they are as not being "*begotten from above*".

V19 "Ye neither know me, nor my Father, if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also."

This matter of knowing and being known of God has already been touched upon in an earlier chapter. "Oida" = know signifies primarily to have seen or perceived, or to know from observation.

V 37-9 "I know that ye are Abraham's **seed**....If ye were Abraham's **children**....".

Here Jesus makes a distinction between Abraham's seed and Abraham's children. All of Abraham's offspring were not heirs of the promises made to Abraham, but "*in Isaac shall thy seed be called*"- these are the children.

V 43 "Why do ye not understand my speech?...because **YE CANNOT HEAR MY WORD**".

Some might like to rationalise this away, but it has earlier been pointed out that only Israel can "hear" [hear and understand] God's word. We have seen that The Word and The Law are stated in the Old Testament as given only to Israel of all the races on earth, as a covenant.

V 47 "He that is of God heareth God's words. Ye therefore hear them not, because ye **ARE NOT OF GOD**".

In these last two verses there is the word "hear". Thayer's lexicon gives several meanings, among which we find:

1. To be endowed with the faculty of hearing [not deaf]
2. To attend to [use the faculty of hearing].
3. To understand, perceive the sense of what is being said".

The "cannot" and the "not of God" indicate that the Judeans Jesus was addressing could physically hear but could not use the faculty of hearing. Going back a little to the Old Testament reference to the "edah" and the "cahal", we find that only the "cahal" were to place their hands on the Levites - [Num 8:9], and when the trumpets were sounded to move the Israelite camp, the whole "edah" heard these trumpets, but only the "cahal" were required to assemble to receive the instructions about moving on -[Num 10:2].

V55 "Yet ye have not known Him, but I know Him, and if I should say I know Him not, I shall be A LIAR LIKE UNTO YOU".

Jesus says here, as well as in Revelation 3:9, that the Jews were liars. Using the common acceptance of the word "Jew" we have to come to a decision about, "Them which say they are Jews, but do lie"- [Rev 3:9]. Do false "Jews" [as translated] exist, or not? Why should the churches continue

to teach that “The Jews” must never be condemned because *“they are God’s chosen race”*? Did Jesus condemn this section of the Judean nation, or not? This matter is of huge importance as a matter of doctrine. It has a great bearing on prophetic interpretation. It has a bearing upon what is going on in the State of Israel today. This is no minor doctrinal point! Incidentally, “The Jews” are never called God’s chosen people in the Bible!

John 10:26 “But ye believe not, because ye are NOT MY SHEEP, as I said unto you”. Jesus is here talking to the Jews in Judea. Is it not a peculiar thing that the Churches teach that “The Jews” are God’s sheep and are God’s “*natural*” children? We have to decide if we are to agree with Jesus or with christian tradition. The popular indication is that “The Jews” were not sheep because they did not believe, but there is much more than that in this.

Matt 23:15 “Ye compass land and sea to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the CHILD OF HELL than yourselves”. For Jesus to say that the the Jews who held sway in the temple were Children of Hell might be a bit much for most Christians to handle, but this is what the record shows. Jesus does not say that all the descendants of Judah among the Judeans are Children of Hell, but He says that “The Jews” are. It is clear that the two cannot be the same people or that they were believing the same way. The inhabitants of Judea were a mixed bunch of races which included some of the descendants of Judah. Jesus was not talking to that portion of the inhabitants of Judea who were the descendants of Judah, at this time. In the leadership of the nation, at that time, there was a minority of Judahites amongst the Edomites, and the Judahites did not hold the balance of power.

Matt 21:41 “They say unto Him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out His vineyard unto other husbandmen...and when the chief priests and Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them”. This is too telling to ignore. The wrong people were in charge of the Vineyard! They were wicked and unbelieving.

In the Old Testament, in persons like Doeg the Edomite, and the Amalakite who killed King Saul, the influence of non-Israel in high places of the government of Israel can be seen. In the New Testament, likewise, non-Israel “leaders” in Israel also occupied positions of influence. Historically, the Herodians were a totally Edomite party. The descendants of Herod Antipater “*The Idumean*”, and how they took control of the Sanhedrin is detailed in the Encyclopedia Judaica, 1971: 8/376-390. They were not only non-Israel, but were people “*against whom the Lord hath indignation for ever*”-[Malachi 1:2-4]. Since Edom and “The Jews” are so intimately connected, how can the churches preach that “The Jews” always means “Israel”?

WHENCE THE TARES?

Matt 15:13. “Every plant which My Heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up...” So, there are those in the field who are not planted by our Heavenly Father! This is not commonly believed.

Matt 19:11-12 “All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given...he that is able to receive it, let him receive it...” Everyone cannot receive Jesus’ sayings! This is contrary to the popular teachings!

In the parable of the sower and the seed Jesus explained:

Matt 13:38 “The field is the world, the good seed are the Children of the Kingdom, but the tares are the children of the wicked one...”

The religious churches might not like to think that there are people on earth who are classified as tares. There are two plantings of differing kinds, in the “*field*”. A “Tare” cannot hear or believe. Paul confirms this when he talks about “*vessels fitted for destruction*” -[Romans 9:23].

Jesus is confirming that every plant is not planted by His Heavenly Father. Jesus says that it is the enemy who plants the tares. Jesus also makes it very clear that “**every plant, which my heavenly father hath not planted, shall be rooted up**”-[Matt 15:13]. So, it is very clear that there are two kinds of people, one “*from above*”, and one “*from below*”, in the vineyard. It must still be so today in the world since the two kinds continue to grow together until the harvest. This harvest is at the end of the age; so it is yet to happen. The churches will never allow this separation of kinds in their teachings and they include everyone as being able to receive the Word. The prophets and Jesus agree that the Word was given to Israel alone. That is why Jesus said to Nicodemus that it was

necessary to be “*begotten from above*” to be able to perceive the Kingdom of God. [The Greek “*another*” erroneously rendered as “born again” in the traditional teaching].

The problem in doctrine is to determine whether a tare originates from having a biological beginning or whether it is only a matter of belief. The answer is that both factors are involved. Esau rejected his birthright and founded a line of “*sperma*” or seed which was not intrinsically good seed. Although tares are not said in Scripture to be “seed”, they are sown in the field in the same way the good seed were, although they may not have been sown at the same time. The two were different in their character. The “*sperma*” is used in Scripture to identify groupings and separate one group from another. Esau founded a dynasty through rejection of the birthright he was in line for.

God calls Esau “*the border of wickedness and the people against whom the Lord has indignation for ever*”. In Malachi 1:4: both the words border=“*gebaw*” and people =“ *am*” show that the word ‘Esau’ represents a people. Since Jacob and Esau had the same biological parents, with wheat representing Jacob and tares representing Esau, we can see why tares and wheat are difficult to separate by appearance as they are sprouting up. Both are sown in one field. [Note that a field where the sowing was done was an enclosed area only of the whole earth]. It is at the time of bearing fruit that a physical separation is to be made.

Some of the Judeans were tares and could never be anything else. A tare cannot turn into a wheat plant but both must grow together unto the harvest when the tares are FIRST gathered and set aside for burning. The church denominations partly recognise that the tares come from those who have turned away from God. Like Esau, who could not find repentance, the tare cannot find repentance -[2 Peter 2:15-22: Heb 10:26-29: Heb 12:16:17]. Among the Judeans were descendants of Esau who had an inherited unbelief problem. These descendants are known as Edomites and although they are of the same biological line as Abraham and Isaac, we are told that they are two “*nations*” and two “*manner of people*” -[Gen.25:23].

God says that He hates Edom and that Edom will be destroyed before the time of the harvest. Jesus said about them:

Luke 13:24-30 “For many, I say unto you will seek to enter and shall not be able. then shall ye say, ‘We have eaten and drunk in your presence, and thou hast taught in our streets’ Then he shall say, I tell you I know not whence ye are, depart from me”.

It will be shown how some of Edom have become “Jews”, and we have seen that some of the Judeans were not Israelites, although they did descend from Abraham. Jesus told them that much in John 8:37 when He said “*I know that you are Abraham’s seed [“sperma”], but you are NOT ABRAHAM’S CHILDREN [“teknon”]*. The inheritance continues on from Isaac through Jacob, not Esau. Esau is not Jacob who was renamed Israel.

CAN “THE JEWS’ BE IDENTIFIED?

Who were these people against whom Jesus spoke so vehemently? Who were these people the Apostle Paul declared were “*contrary [or antagonistic] to all men*”? -[1 Thess 2:15]. Let us explore the connection between “The Jews” and Esau. [Note: There are Jews from other origins].

Malachi 1:2-4 “Was not Esau Jacob’s brother” saith the Lord, “Yet I loved Jacob, and I hated Esau.....and they shall call them the “border of wickedness and the people against whom the Lord hath indignation for ever”.

Romans 9:13 “As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated”.

Hebrews 12:16 “Lest there be any fornicator or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. for ye know that afterwards, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears”.

It is contrary to popular evangelical thought to say that one can reject his birthright and not to be able to find it again. Esau knew what he was doing, and despised what God had to offer him. This is why God hated him. Esau “sold” his birthright. He did not just backslide! But Scripture teaches that the Lord has indignation against Esau for ever-[Mal 1:4]. There is a whole line of prophecy against Esau’s descendants which seems to be studiously avoided today. This is because of the concept that the modern State of Israel represents the beginning of the re-gathering of Israel. And so every

reference to anyone else being re-gathered to Jerusalem to be burned there must be hidden. It is time that this was uncovered!

In Scripture, the descendants of Esau are also presented by some other names.

<i>Gen 36:8</i>	<i>"Esau is Edom".</i>
<i>Gen 36:9</i>	<i>"The father [or pro-genitor] of the Edomites".</i>
<i>Gen 36:43</i>	<i>"Esau is the father of the Edomites".</i>
<i>Deut 2:5</i>	<i>"I have given Mount Seir to Esau"..</i>
<i>Eze 35:15</i>	<i>Idumea [or Idumaea].....</i>
<i>Jer 49:13, Amos 1:12</i>	<i>Bozrah and Teman.</i>
<i>Jer 48:8</i>	<i>Dedan.</i>
<i>Isa 21:1-12</i>	<i>Dumah [Abbreviated form of Idumea].</i>

They are also known as Temanites, Amalakites, and other descendants of the twelve Dukes of Edom- [Gen 36:11-42]. It may include the Horites amongst whom Edom settled in Seir. Job's comforters were Temanites and from this we can see their religious bent, but they did not speak that which was right, as did Job- [Job 42:7]. Here we find many names where we can look for prophecy about the descendants of Esau. Before we do so, let us look at Esau a little further.

Esau married the daughter of Ishmael, a Hittite, and other Canaanites. His sons married Canaanites. This is a further reason for isolating all his descendants. Israel was later told to exterminate the Canaanites before taking the "Holy Land" as an inheritance. The consequences to Israel of mixed marriage with the Canaanites was known, but it did not stop Esau. This is one of the reasons why God cut him off. The Canaanites were not to enter the congregation of the Lord for all generations, and even if Israel did not finish this task of destroying the Canaanites, they will yet be destroyed. They cannot be converted. Try telling the churches today that there is a family of people who cannot be converted. The "all the world" doctrinal interpretation prevents understanding. The churches refuse to believe Zechariah who says that after the re-gathering of Israel, "There shall no more be the Canaanite in the House of the Lord of Hosts"-[Zech 14:21]. We will shortly look at the destiny of Edomite-Jewry.

In Genesis 27:40-41, God said that Esau was destined to serve his brother and Esau hated Jacob because of this. Esau has been against Jacob ever since. But here Isaac prophesied of Esau that he would break Jacob's service and take the dominion]. So Biblically, and historically, the Edomites became the outward religious rulers of the inheritance [the birthright land]. This possibly applies to the "church" scene today because those controlling doctrinal issues have taken the dominion in the same way. These are the Nicolaitanes Jesus says He hates with intense hatred-[Rev 2:15].

King David conquered Mount Seir and the Edomites and compelled them to obey the Mosaic Law. It was later, after the captivity and under the guise of the new Jewish religion that the Edomites took dominion in "the land" and they became "The rulers of the Jews" over a period of time. Through the New Testament they are referred to as Jews but never are they spoken of as being the descendants of Judah.

So, let us see some things that the modern Jews themselves have to say:

Encyclopaedia Judaica Vol 6:376 [1971]:

"David made Edom into an Israelite province ruled by appointed governors."
2 Sam 8:14 - "And all they of Edom became David's servants".

The Jewish Encyclopaedia Vol 5-P41 [1904]:

The Edomites "were incorporated into the Jewish nation, and their country was called by the Greeks and Romans 'Idumea' -[Mark 3:8]."

The Encyclopaedia Judaica Vol 6:378:

"John Hyrcanus conquered the whole of Edom, and undertook the forced conversion of its inhabitants to Judaism".

These quotes show that the authors of these articles in the encyclopaedia saw the Edomites as being different from the Israelites at that time. The Judeans became a racial mixture. Today the modern Jew does not admit to having any part of descent from Edom outwardly, but we will be looking at statements from Jewish authorities that say, "Modern Jewry is Edom".

These presentations do not demonstrate how Edom gained control over the nation or temple or how much mixing of races followed on, but Mark 3:8 says that the multitude that followed Jesus came from Galilee, Judea, from Idumea, beyond Jordan and Tyre and Sidon. This indicates the level of integration at that time.

JOSEPHUS AND HIS COMMENTS ON “THE JEWS”.

[Quotations are from the 1993 printing of the New Updated Version by William Whiston].

The historian Josephus [Antiquities of the Jews :9/1] tells of the Idumeans [Edom] submitting “*to the use of circumcision and the rest of the Jewish ways of living at which time therefore this befell them, **that they were hereafter no other than Jews**”.*

The translator’s note [a] says:

*“This account of the Idumeans admitting circumcision, and the entire Jewish law, from this time, or from the days of Hyrcanus, is confirmed by their long history afterwards. See. Antiq. 14:8.1: 15:7.9: War 14:8.1. This in the opinion of Josephus, made them proselytes of Justice, **or entire Jews**, as here and elsewhere”.*

In the same section we see record of the grammarian Ammonius, who says, in the year 129:

*“The Jews are such by nature, and from the beginning, but Phoenicians and Syrians, but being afterwards subdued by the Jews and compelled to be circumcised, and **to unite into one nation**, and be subject to the same laws, **they were called Jews**”.*

In “*The Wars of the Jews*” [4:4.4] the general of the Idumean army gives an appellation to Jerusalem as being the “*common city*” to their own nation. This is confirmed in Wars 2:20.3 where a summary is given by the translator:

*“We may observe here, that the Idumeans.....were **now esteemed as part of the Jewish nation**.”*

Also:

Wars 6:8.2 *“At the time when Titus attacked Jerusalem, the Idumeans were the chief defenders of Jerusalem”.*

In Antiq 15:7.9: Josephus tells how an Idumean priest named Costobarus received Jewish law and custom, became governor of Idumea, and then married Salome, Herod’s sister. Antipater, “**the Idumean**” was Herod’s father! [This is confirmed at length in Dissertation 7].

Then Josephus gives examples of other races being circumcised to receive the Jewish religion, and this includes royalty [e.g. Queen Helena of Adiabene and her son King Izates -Antiq 20:21-5].

Wars 7:3.3 *“They also made proselytes of a great many of the Greeks perpetually, and thereby, after sort, brought them to be a portion of their own body”.*

The racial mixture of the Judeans as containing Israelites and non-Israelites is shown by the following:

Wars 2:82 *“For there are three philosophical sects among the Jews. The followers of the first of whom are the Pharisees; of the second the Saducees; and the third sect, who pretends to a severer discipline, and called Essenes. These last are Jews by birth, and seem to have a greater affection for one another than the other sects have”.*

It would seem that Josephus is indicating that the Essenes were Israelites and the Pharisees and Saducees were not.

Elsewhere, Josephus refers to Idumeans as Syrians. He calls Doeg the Edomite a Syrian-[Antiq 6:12.4]. Wars 6:2.1 indicates that the common language of the Jews in Judea at that time was Syriac dialect. The “Syrian” factor is another subject.

Hyrcanus’s son, Aristbulus,

“...made war against Iturea, and added a great part of it to Judea, and compelled the inhabitants, if they would continue in that country, to be circumcised, and to live according to the Jewish laws”.

Iturea was North-West of Palestine and this quotation is made to show that peoples becoming subject to Jewish laws and thus becoming known as “Jews” came from lands both North and South of Palestine. Becoming “Jews” does not make all of them into Israelites or descendants from Isaac by race.

A further note says, *“That country is also called Judea, and the people Jews, and this name is given also to as many others as embrace their religion”*. This is an important summation!

In these historical records we can see important facts:

1. That the descendants of Esau [Edomites or Idumeans as well as many others] became known as “Jews”.
2. That “Jews” [by religion], many of whom were not of Israel stock, and included the descendants of Esau, existed both inside and outside of Judea, in those times. Even today we do not know the proportions!
3. That the words “Jew”, “Jews” and “Judeans” did not then equate solely with Judah or with Israel, by race, any more than they do today.

The control of Judea by Edom started at the time of the captivity of Judah and the Edomite aristocracy eventually gained ascendancy over the returnees from Babylon. From this position of power they set about expounding their territory and power base by compelling all and sundry to follow their system of political and religious power.

THE DESTINY OF THE EDMITES [“The Jews”].

This will be new ground for most readers so please read the Scriptures below carefully word for word. There is much detail and identification in them. Esau sold his birthright, but the Scriptures tell us that Edom would try to regain the sold inheritance [The Land] in the last days. This will be done by them as “The Jews”. Peoples purporting to be Jews will return to the Holy Land, but they will be a racial mixture containing the offspring from Esau’s mixed marriages, and through Esau’s religion. Jesus continually condemned this religion and pronounced woe upon woe upon the teachers of this Jewish religion. There certainly is no reason to suspect that this might have changed in the present day. Jesus said of them, *“Bring them hither [to Jerusalem] that I might destroy them”*-[Luke 19:27]. It has to be questioned who is returning and is being “brought hither” to the State of Israel today, and why.

Mal 1:4 *“Whereas Edom says, we are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places. thus saith the Lord of hosts, they shall build, but I will throw down”.*

Eze 33:24 *“Those that inhabit the waste of the land of Israel speak saying, Abraham was one but we are many, the land was given us for an inheritance”.*

Note the “one” and “many” because this will come up again. Here we see what Edom says, and below we see what God also says about this.

Eze 35:10-15 *“Because thou hast said, these two nations [i.e.Israel and Judah] and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess itand thou shalt know that I am the Lord that hast heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel saying, they are desolate...they are given us to consume.
...as thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee. Thou shalt be desolate O Mount Seir and all Idumea, even all of it, and they shall know that I am the Lord”.*

Eze 36:1-7 *“Because the enemy has said against you, aha, even the ancient high places are ours in possession. Therefore thus saith the Lord God; ‘surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea which have appointed my land into their possession with the joy of all their heart, with despiteful minds, to cast it out for a prey”.*

Obad v8-9 *“Shall not I in that day, saith the Lord, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount Esau, and thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed , to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter”.*

Obad v13 *“They laid hands on the substance of Jacob and Judah, but they shall be judged, and the kingdom shall be the Lord’s”.*

Isa 34:5 *“For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold it shall come down upon Idumea [Edom], and upon the people of my curse, to judgement”.*

Hab 3:3 *“God came from Teman....his glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise..”*

These Scriptures also give the timing when this is to happen. It is the end of this age when the stars fall from heaven, and the judgement here is against Idumea who is occupying “The Land”. **“FOR IT IS THE DAY OF THE LORD’S VENGEANCE AND THE YEAR OF RECOMPENSES FOR THE CONTROVERSY OF ZION.”**

Even today, there is this controversy about who should be in possession and control of the Holy Land. Should it be Judah in Judea and Jerusalem, or should it be Esau’s mixed descendants? Today the Pope is seeking control of the holy places and the Papacy has never renounced its false claim as King of Jerusalem. The prophecy in this chapter alone is not pretty. Like so many other Scriptures, the picture is of a land becoming devoid of grass, birds and even fish. There has never at any time in history been such a judgement upon the Holy Land. But God’s nation will return to a cleansed land, and will dwell secure without any enemies at all after all this destruction and cleansing by fire. Some might like to say that the grass, birds, fish and the fire are symbols, but they do not appear to be so. “Esh” is used of literal fire. This is to happen at Jerusalem! This is not the present situation in the State of Israel with a return to a land totally cleansed by fire happening first!

Amos 1:10-12 “But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah”. This judgement upon Edom is the consequence of Esau’s anger which “Did tear perpetually against Jacob and for Edom’s wrath which he kept”. The destruction of Edom in prophecy is always by burning.

Isaiah 63:1-6 “Who is this that cometh from Edom with dyed garments from Bozrah, this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength.....for the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of My redeemed has come.....and I will tread the people down in my anger..”

Jer 49:7-22 “Concerning Edom.....for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him the time that I will visit him.....but I have made Edom bare...he shall not be able to hide himself”.

Edom is certainly hiding himself now and is an impostor in the Holy Land. Any serious study of the *“Re-gathering of Israel”* will show that the timing factors are ignored in the majority of the books found in Christian bookshops. Edom does not seem to exist in all the popular books on prophecy that relate to end-time events. Neither does the time and the place of Edom’s destruction ever get a mention. If there is one major reason for this, it is because Edom is hiding himself as the latter Scripture says, and from his hidden position he promotes what must be a lie in saying that “The Jews” and Israel are one and the same people. This goes on to influence much New Testament doctrine and what is taught in the denominations today.

In the New Testament, much about this matter can be found in the parables of Jesus, but this study would take a special chapter. When Jesus spoke in parables against the Scribes and Pharisees, *“they perceived that He spake of them”*-[Matt 21:45]. They were to be *“cast out into outer darkness”*-[Matt 8:12]. They could not bring forth good fruit because it was impossible for them to do so. They were destined to be hewn down and cast into the fire. They were *“The Children Of The Wicked One”* -[See John 8:44].

The Edomites were occupying the vineyard, but when the Lord of the vineyard comes *“He will miserably destroy those ‘wicked’ men”*. The word *“wicked”* is definitive-[Matthew 21:41 where the Pharisees perceived Jesus spake of them].

Proverbs 16:4. “The Lord has made all things for Himself; yes, even the wicked for the day of evil”.

Psalms 58:3-4 “The wicked are estranged from the womb. They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies”.

These wicked were born that way. They have a destiny.

DOES EDOM HAVE ANY MARKS OF IDENTIFICATION TODAY?

The word *“Edom”* or *“Esau”*, as used in both Hebrew and Greek, refers to the descendants of Esau as a racial group.

Heb 12:16,17 *“Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat, sold his birthright, for ye know that afterward, when he would have received the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears”.*

Esau was a fornicator. He married “different” or outside his own bloodline. Esau cannot find repentance, even if sought with tears. Esau was profane. He had crossed a threshold according to the meaning of this word. Now, remember how Jesus said this of certain of the Judeans in John 8:21 that they could not go where He was going. The descendants of Esau must exist today. Esau cannot find repentance, even with tears, right up to today apart from one provision God has made. The children of Edom may enter the congregation of Israel three generations after marriage with an Israelite -[Deut 23:7-8]. Debate about whether or not this is genetic or by belief will not alter the fact about it being so. Now this is very contrary to popular teaching and the “*all the world*” teaching. What is quoted above is a New Testament quotation!

Identification of “The Jews” with Edom is found in many places, and indeed in places where it might be least expected. Few would expect this statement.....”**EDOM IS MODERN JEWRY**”.....in Jewish Encyclopaedia.

1. See New Standard Jewish Encyclopaedia, [1977] page 586.
2. See Jewish Encyclopaedia [1904], page 41.
3. See Jewish Encyclopaedia [1925], Book 13:5/41. This encyclopaedia claims that today Edom is modern Jewry but it also speaks about Jew and Edomite as being separate entities.
4. Encyclopaedia Biblica.....Says the same thing [Vol 2 col 1187].
5. Josephus in his “*Antiquities Of The Jews*”. This historian, a Roman General, who recorded the events of that period says: “*The Jews are a people, distinct and separate from God’s people, although living among them*”.

These are the sort of things that are not told by the popular schools of prophecy, because they do not fit in with the “*all the world*” doctrine. But even the Jewish Encyclopaedia says modern Jewry is Edom!

Let us look at this from another angle. Edom has always been very religious and has opposed Israel. Even from the time the Children of Israel were on their way to inherit the promised land, Edom came out to prevent the passage of the Children of Israel.

Num 20:18-21: “And Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand. Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border.”

Has anything changed? Who are among the main enemies of Biblical Christianity in the West today? Who was Jesus continually up against when He walked the Holy Land? It was always “The Jews”. The Pharisees and Sadducees were at odds over teachings, but they were united against Jesus.

6. Encyclopaedia Judaica [Vol 6 [1971].
“John Hyrcanus conquered the whole of Edom and undertook the forced conversion of its inhabitants to Judaism [Joseph, Ant. X111: 9:1]”.
The same account can be found in The New Standard Jewish Encyclopaedia [1977], page 589. “*Thenceforth the Edomites became a section of the Jewish people*”. These “*Jewish people*” then were not Israelites and cannot be Israelites today.
7. Encyclopaedia Judaica 1971 Vol 6-370
“*Bozra is Edom*” and then quotes Gen 36:1 “*Esau which is Edom*”, and then points out that Esau married a Caananite/Hittite-[Gen 36:1 and 36:2], and also an Ishmaelite-[Gen 28:9] and Hivites-[Gen 36:2-3].
8. Encyclopaedia Judaica 6-378 [1971].
“*Edom is frequently mentioned in Latin Poems of the period, usually as a synonym for **Judea***”. Also, *Edom appears sometimes in the Aggadah referring to actual Edomites, and sometimes to the Romans who are identified with them*.
“*After the death of Herod in 4 BC, **Edom was included with Judea** and Samaria in the Ethnarchy of Archelaus--Edom became part of the Roman province of Judea*”. Thus Edomites and Judeans became affiliated.
9. In the next column we find, “*The overwhelming majority of homilies about Edom speak explicitly of Rome*”. Thus it is stated that Rome was founded by the children of Esau. The continuing attack of Edom against true Israel [not the State of Israel] comes also through Rome.

10. Encyclopaedia Judaica 6-857 [1971].

"In the Aggadah, Esau is discussed---as identical with Edom, and sometimes with Rome with whom Edom was identified".

The "Dukes of Edom" is translated from "*Alluph*" which is the name used of the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of the State of Israel today. "*Alluph*" is used in Scripture 57 times referring to the leaders of Edom and sometimes this refers to the "*governors of Judah*" thus indicating the governors of Judah were Edomites. Gesenius indicates "*especially used of the leaders of the Edomites*"

So, in all this list we find identification of Edom as being "Jews". This connects with modern Jewry. But, few denominations will allow this.

JEWES WHO ARE NON-SEMITIC.

Jewishness today is primarily related to Edom according to these Jewish sources, but it can be a matter of religion and upbringing. Jews also come from Ham and Japheth. Thus, these cannot all be from Shem, and those not from Shem cannot be from the Tribe or House of Judah or be Israelites.

Encyclopedia Judaica Vol 6:143 [1971].

"The history of the Falashas [Ethiopian Jews] speaks of their Hamitic origin".

Thus these are not Semitic! It is suggested in this source that they may have come from the marriage of Solomon's son, Menelik, to the Queen of Sheba.

There is proof that the Eastern European Jew originated from Japheth, and NOT from Shem. As this is so, then this part of modern Jewry is dominated by a non-Semitic people. They could not then possibly be Israelites. The two major groups in modern Jewry are the Ashkenazim [i.e. Eastern] and the Sephardic [i.e. Western] Jew but anthropologically they are clearly not the same race! So both could not be who they claim to be if they both claim to be Israel and of the same race.

There are United Nations papers concerning this matter, and one of their researchers, Raphael Patai declares,

"The findings of physical anatomy show that, contrary to popular view, there is no Jewish race [i.e. that among those who call themselves Jews]. Documentation suggests that Jews living in one culture are similar anthropologically to the culture in which they live, rather than all being similar to each other in differing cultures".

This quotation is from the well documented book, "*The Thirteenth Tribe*", by Arthur Koestler.

Koestler offers proof that the Eastern European Jew is descended from the large Khazar Kingdom which existed in Russia in the early centuries. The Khazars adopted Judaism as the State religion prior to the eighth century, as a political move to create a buffer between Muslims on one side and "Christians" on the other. Documents and correspondence from that period are still available from as far away as Spain and Egypt. One important fact is that the Khazar people themselves claimed descent from Japheth. They were not Semites so they did not descend from Abraham! Yet they are known today as being "Jews" and to speak against them is falsely said to be anti-Semitic! Recent Russian and Polish archaeological investigations are said to confirm the Khazar/Polish-Jew connection.

It is common for certain traditionalists and Jews to declare that it was only the Khazar leaders who adopted Judaism, but records indicate that the state religion was enforced on all the Khazar people.

Encyclopedia Judaica Vol 10:944 [1971] says,

"Leading Khazars professed Judaism" and in column 948 says, "Khazars became known to their neighbours as Jews".

The Jewish Encyclopaedia Vol 4:P1 [1905] "CHAZARS" :

"A People of Turkish origin, whose life and history are interwoven with the very beginnings of the history of the Jews in Russia.. Historical evidence points to the region of the Urals as the home of the Chazars".

The historian H.G. Wells in "*The Outline of History*" P494: says,

"The Idumeans [Edomites] were.....made Jews....and a Turkish people [Khazars] were mainly Jews in South Russia.....The main part of Jewry never was in Judea and had never come out of Judea".

History details the fall of the Khazar empire and how they were driven Westward towards Poland, the Baltic States and Western Russia. There were pockets of Israelites in Europe prior to the Ashkenazim invasion, but they were a different people.

Mr. Keostler says that all the facts about the Jews being one people "*looks like the most cruel hoax which history has ever perpetrated*". But, what do the Jews themselves have to say about who is a Jew?

Encyclopedia Judaica 10-23/1971 "A child born of Jewish parents, or a convert to Judaism, are considered Jews".

Here we have an important statement from modern Jewry which declares that **Jewishness is not just a matter of race.**

An old definition of who is a Jew was "*one who had a Jewish grandmother*", but now we can see a new definition emerging. The NZ Jewish Chronicle of May, 1994 indicates a Jew is a person whose children and grandchildren will be Jewish! That is they will be Jewish in religion and practice. They may be of any race at all. So, the Jews themselves are confirming and teaching that the term "Jew" is not a racial term. They are admitting that the term "Jews" does not relate solely to Israelites.

SOME COMMENTS FROM HISTORY.

There is much evidence from recorded history that the seed of Esau may certainly and safely be identified with "The Jews" and modern Jewry. There is much in the Encyclopaedia Britannica that points this out when the words indicated above are looked at -[See also "Ottoman"]. The historian Josephus details much about Esau and gives much coverage of wars and the Amalekites' continuous hatred of Israel through the time of Antiochus Epiphanes until after the fall of Jerusalem. He does not identify Esau with Israel, but with those he calls "The Jews" whom he says were not Israelites.

The Idumeans came also to be known as "Jews" when John Hyrcanus destroyed their cities and incorporated them into the Judean state. He forced observance of circumcision and Jewish laws, and to all outward appearances they became as Jews.

It is recorded that Aristobulos annexed Iturea and forced them to accept Judaism at about 105 BC. They no longer were a separated people and they were considered one people by virtue of their embracing Judaism. This mixture, together with others who later took on Judaism, constitute modern Jewry. As such, they have absolutely no right or claim on Palestine today under the Abrahamic covenant.

The binding force of the Judean religious leaders was the Babylonian Talmud. The name suggests that this started to develop when Judah was in captivity in Babylon. This passed on eventually to the religious leaders in Judea at the time of Jesus. Their religion, the tradition of the elders, was condemned by Jesus. The practice of this religion by peoples of various races has created a pseudo-race which has perpetuated isolation through religion. Marriage was mainly confined to be with people of the same religion and hence with the pseudo-race. This creates the appearance of being a race, but it is not.

Using the Old Testament, or their interpretation of it, as their religion, the Jews appear to worship the Lord God. It may be remarked that Roman Catholicism does likewise. But Jesus says they worship God IN VAIN. Some may think that they are worshipping God, but they are in the synagogue of Satan. Jesus says this is so!

"THE RELIGION OF "THE JEWS"

Copies of the Talmud are not easy to secure, there are many volumes, but there are hundreds of quotations that show that the Talmud is essentially at odds with the Christian Bible. For instance, the following are condoned:

<i>Sodomy</i>	<i>Sanhedrin 54b,</i>
<i>Bestiality</i>	<i>Yebamoth 59b</i>
<i>Harlotry..</i>	<i>Abodah Zarah 62b-63a</i>
<i>Not keeping vows</i>	<i>Nedarim 23a-b</i>
<i>Murder by multiple attackers</i>	<i>Sanhedrin 78a</i>
<i>Cursing parents</i>	<i>Sanhedrin 66a</i>

Some of these items are what we see being promoted by those pushing for Human Rights and for Children's rights. We can see the United Nations Covenants progressing towards the elimination of Christianity and the institution of Talmudic values. The Talmud seeks to convey some deviation or exception to every Biblical moral law. Christianity did not originate from Judaism, whose followers state, "*The Talmud is to this day the circulating heart's blood of the Jewish religion.....It is our common law*"-[Herman Wouk...New York Herald-Tribune 17/11/59].

The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia Vol 8: P474:

"The Jewish religion, as it is today, traces its descent, without a break, through all centuries, from the Pharisees.....The Talmud is the largest and most important single member of that literature".

Jesus said that the Pharisees rejected the commandments of God so that "The Jews" might keep their own traditions [of Babylon]. The Talmud represents a defiance towards God. "The Jews" therefore are still the enemy of God's people. Any show of their using the Old Testament is a mechanism of deceit!

Jesus is referred to in the Talmud as a sorcerer, a fool, an idolater and a blasphemer, and that Jesus committed those things listed above. Jesus said that their father is a liar and that they are the same. Many Jewish works, including the Talmud, show the hatred of "The Jews" towards Christianity. This is inherent in the nature of "The Jews" according to Ezekiel 35:5. This is a perpetual hatred.

MENTAL DISEASE AMONG "THE JEWS"

Today some modern Jews who may identify themselves Edom are pushing hard for multi-culturism, but they themselves are of highly mixed blood.. They claim a higher-than-average level of mental diseases and insanity...[See Jewish Encyl. Vol 9- p225 [1905] and Vol 6-P556 and 603-4 [1904]. This is recently confirmed in the Jewish Chronicle [U.K.] of 29-3-96 speaking about mad-cow disease, where it says that CJD disease occurs over 100 times more frequently among Jews than in the world-wide population.

Tay-Sachs disease, which is caused by a recessive gene, is another cause of congenital deterioration among Ashkenazi Jews. In the U.S.A, in the Jews of Eastern European origin, the present ratio is one abnormal gene to sixty with normal genes. The chance of two Jewish parents having abnormal genes of this type are much higher than the rest of the population, and where both Jewish parents are carriers of abnormal genes, it manifests in physical and mental deterioration in their offspring.

WHAT IS THEIR BLASPHEMY?

Jesus says in Rev 2:9 that He knows the blasphemy of those people calling themselves "Jews" in the "church age". Let us look at this. Publications from pro-Zionist sources, Messianic Jewish sources and sometimes in Christian media, show an unusual insistence in saying that Jesus was a "Jew". This is used in the sense of Jesus having a common racial blood relationship with those who call themselves "Jews" today. The so-called Jew today is not of one race, and so this insistence cannot be true. Jesus was not "*made like*" unto this people of highly mixed blood.

Jesus was "*made like*" unto His brethren, taking on flesh and blood.

Heb 2:14-18 "Forasmuch then, as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily He took not upon Himself the nature of angels, but He took upon Him the seed of Abraham..

Wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren..."

Jesus is "*a merciful and faithful high priest...to make reconciliation for the sins of the people*". The "people" here relates to His "*brethren*". "*His brethren*" are not what we know today as "The Jews" who are of multi-blood stock. "*His brethren*" are not Edomite; they are Israelite. It is blasphemy to say Jesus was a Jew of the Edomite variety.

Another blasphemy has already been quoted, as given in Ezekiel 35:10-15: "*And thou shalt know that I am the Lord and that I have heard all they blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the*

mountains of Israel, saying, they are desolate...they are given us to consume." Many Christian Churches might be agreeing with this blasphemy in their support of the State Of Israel. Although this Scripture has a partial fulfilment in Edom's take over of Judea following the captivity, it has a far fulfilment "*when the whole earth rejoices*" in what the Lord says He will do -[v14].

EDOM, THE "ETERNAL ENEMY" OF ISRAEL.

Jewish authorities agree with Scripture where God's oath is recorded and states that Israel would have "*war from generation to generation*" against Esau and his descendants-[Exodus 17:16].

Encyclopedia Judaica 6:379 [1971]:

"Edom is the eternal enemy of Israel and Judah". See Amos 1:11: "He did pursue his brother with the sword...and he kept his wrath for ever".

See also:

Ezek 35:5: "Because thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast shed the blood of the Children of Israel by the force of the sword".

The quotation from the encyclopaedia goes on to link Rome and Esau, both of whom destroyed the temple. Both use Eagles as symbols, and then says:

"The similarity to the name Rome and Romans in several verses that speak of Edom, Seir and Esau- all these combined to cause the application of Rome to the Biblical references to Edom, the eternal enemy of Israel".

"The Jews" [Edom] are ever at war with God's people, propagating doctrine that our God is not a God of righteousness and justice, but only a God of love and mercy only. God says he actually hates Edom, and so Edom is concerned to try to eliminate any reference to hate. From modern "Jewish" sources we are seeing increasing anti-hate statements such as, "*Christians hate homosexuals*" and that any revealing of who Edom is as being "*hating Jews*". In this the perpetual hatred of God's real people and Bible teaching is being demonstrated

ANTI-SEMITISM.

It has already been pointed out that the United Nations Conventions have the effect of changing race into any group having an ethnic belief, religion, common customs, national origins, etc, so that in this context multi-racial Jews can now claim to be an ethnic group. "*Anti-Semitic*" now is made to refer to anything against the concept of this "Jewish" ethnic group.

The word, "anti-Semitism" was first printed as late as 1880 according to the 1901 Jewish Encyclopaedia: Vol 1 P.641. The word is used as a cover-up by those claiming to be Israelites or Shemites, "*but who are not*"-[Rev 2:9]. These are those who are known and identified as International Jewry today; they themselves state that they are Edom, as has been shown.

Today we find a push for world government by these people, usually through the socialist platform:

Jewish Encyclopaedia Vol 11:P418. *"Jews have been prominently identified with the modern Socialist movement from its very inception"*

We also find evidence of the Communist ideal surfacing in the United Nations Conventions. Very soon after the Communist revolution in Russia, the Jewish Chronicle of April 4: 1919 said:

"There is much in the fact that the ideals of Bolshevism are at many points consonant with the finest ideals of Judaism".

The Encyclopedia Judaica [1971], Vol 16:1032 says:

"The modern term Zionism first appeared in the 19th Century...as the establishment of an organisation".

Communism sought to eliminate all opposition to its control and objectives and we find a similar operation emerging today against those who would contravene the U.N. conventions. Communism, Zionism and United Nations have a dominating "Jewish" content. We will soon see more cries of anti-Semitism world-wide against those who oppose Edom in their war of extermination against Biblical Israel and Christianity.

Further to this, we have the recorded statement of Pope Pius XI who said that Christians "*are spiritual Semites*" and it would be logical to say from this that to speak against Christians [meaning Roman Catholics] would also be anti-Semitic!

NON-ISRAELITE “JEWS”. There are Jews of many racial origins.

1. THE ASHKENAZIM JEWS.

Some claim a link between Edom and the Khazars, but apart from that there is more than one identity calling themselves “Jews”; none of these have claim to the name ‘Israel’. Regarding the Ashkenazim Jews who speak Yiddish, most dictionaries and encyclopaedia define Ashkenazim in words like “*after ‘Ashkenaz’, the second son of Gomer*”. This confirms Scripture concerning the sons of Noah, [Shem, Japheth and Ham], and their offspring:

Gen 10: 1-3 “...the sons of Japheth, Gomer,the sons of Gomer, Ashkenaz”.

The Khazars themselves claimed descent from Japheth, and from their adoption of Judaism, they became known as Jews. But, they did not descend from Shem, and therefore they are not Semitic in origin. To relate the term “Anti-Semitism” to Jews of this origin is nonsense and part of the great deception! Eastern European Jews of this origin have no Israelite connection. Anti-Semitism could not apply to them! These are the majority in the State of Israel.

2. THE SEPHARDIM JEWS.

The American People’s Encyclopaedia, [1925] indicates that these descended from Edomites who were cast out from Palestine by Prince Titus in AD 70. From thence they spread to North Africa and to Spain converting Berber Tribes and others to Judaism. There were Cardinals and Popes who were Sephardim Jews. They have no simple blood line, being Edomites diluted with Syrian, Canaanite, Phoenician and North African blood.

3. THE SEPHARDIM / ASHKENAZIM JEWISH MIXTURE.

It is impossible to determine the degree of intermarriage between these two groups of non-Israelites, but there is evidence that this has been common.

4. THE ETHIOPIAN DESCENDANTS OF HAM-[The Falashas].

These are known as “Jews” because of acceptance of Judaism. The Encyclopaedia Judaica says:

“The history of the Falashas speaks of their Hamitic origin”.

5. BABYLONIAN JEWS.

In the days of Mordecai and Esther, many who obviously were not of Judah took up Judaism -

“And many of the people of the land became Jews”-[Ester 8:17].

6. PROSELYTES TO JUDAISM

These are people from other Semitic and non-Semitic origins, being known as Jews because of religious spirit and belief. To add to the confusion, we have the Arabs who come from the line of Shem through Abraham. To be anti-Arab is then to be anti-Semitic also. There are Asiatic Jews and Jews of almost every race on earth.

7. THE SHEMITE DESCENDANTS OF ESAU

These people also known as Edomites and some other names in Scripture. Historically, and biblically, most of these were made proselytes to Judaism and became known as “Jews”.

8. THE FIVE SONS OF JUDAH.

The patriarch Judah had five sons, but the birthright only applies to one of them. An analysis is outside the scope of this paper.

RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL NONSENSE.

These points render the following as being religious and political nonsense:

- [a] The popular use of the term “anti-Semitism” as meaning “anti-Jew” suggesting “anti-Israel” and using it as a singular racial term.
- [b] The popular use of “Jews” as meaning “Israelites” in the way it is used, even if it is a common understanding and usage that way in our denominations and in Messianic circles. It is also used politically through Zionism and Jewish control in United Nations to further the end of those against the Israel of God by falsely representing who Israel is.
- [c] The State of Israel as represents “The re-gathering of Israel”.
- [d] That “The Jews” are a single race.

Anyone who wants to call this mixture "Israel" is not speaking about the true Israel of God as defined in the Bible. If we have another Israel we then have another gospel. The argument often raised is that Arabs are not now Semitic and that racial admixture has rendered them so. But the same people will insist that Jews of much racial mixture are a single race when they are not. They want it both ways.

The term "*Ioudaios*"[Jew] is wrongly accepted as the racial term "*Ioudas*" [Jew] when reading the New Testament and is the root of the misunderstanding. The use of the territorial term Judean is not a measure of race, although some true Israelites were amongst the proselytes to Judaism in Judea.

"THE GOYIM".

The local New Zealand leader of the Messianic Jewish Alliance, Mr. Murray Dixon, writes in his book, "*The Rebirth And Restoration Of Israel*", as follows:

"It is very important for us to understand the extent of the Gentiles' separation. "Gentile" is the Greek word of the Hebrew equivalent goyim, meaning the people of the nations, or anyone who is not Jewish."

We have covered this wrong meaning of "gentile" earlier. The interesting observation is that "goi" and "goyim" is used in Scripture of Israel also, so Mr. Dixon's statement cannot be correct unless "Jewish" is interpreted in the multi-racial concept. The interpretation that the words "*have come to mean non-Jewish*", will not change original Scripture. The wrong use of the word is the political and religious usage, not the scriptural usage.

"Goi" in Scripture conveys the sense of being a defined group of people politically, ethnically or territorially without any religious or moral connotation. Thus we find Israel also described as being "goi" in Scripture-[e.g. Gen 12:2: 17:20: 21:18: Ex 33:13: Is 1:4 etc]. The plural form is used of the descendants that were to come from Abraham. It is used of Jacob and Esau as being two nations.. These things render any suggestion of Israel being "*non-goi*", and of "*anti-Semitic*" specifically meaning "*against Israel*", to be being religious and political nonsense from this local source.

"JEWS" AND THE NEW AGE.

The essence of the New Age teachings, although couched in different language, are the same as Communism. An earlier quotation spoke of the affinity of Bolshevism and Talmudic Judaism. The New Age association with Jewry goes back a long way. From The American Hebrew newspaper of the 10th September, 1920: we quote:

"The Bolshevik Revolution in Russia was the work of Jewish brains, of Jewish dissatisfaction, of Jewish planning, whose goal was to create a new world order. What happened in Russia, shall also, through the same Jewish mental and physical forces become a reality all over the world".

From 1994 we have been seeing more open mention by world leaders of the "New Age", global politics and global economics. We can read statements of politicians made to Jewish and Zionist organisations which leave us no doubt that the statement quoted above is now in fact becoming a reality. We now see the potential through the 1995 World Trade Organisation for a completely managed world society modelled upon the Soviet pattern, supported in the same way by force of arms. This time it is the armies of the United Nations. Note the quote above, "*What happened in Russia*", and who made that statement.

ARE THESE THINGS WHAT THE RELIGIOUS CHURCHES ARE TEACHING TODAY?

In general, what are some of the things the churches wrongly teach or infer today?

That "The Jews" are Israel. Some teach that there is no racial Israel today, and that there is no synagogue of Satan.

That everyone of every race can hear and understand God's words.

That "*All the world*" means everyone of every race.

That Abraham's seed and Abraham's children are the same.

That all the people who listened to Jesus were Israelites, at that time.

That every plant is planted by God [see Matt 15:13].

That Esau's physical descendants no longer exist.

That people today cannot ever become like Esau and not be able to find repentance.

That it is not God's nature to condemn anyone of any race.

That there is no racial Israel today -[i.e. the church has taken Israel's place].

That the Jews are God's natural children, and
 That the Church is God's spiritual children.
 All who say that they are Jews are Jews.
 That the Jews have no blasphemy.
 That the Seed of Abraham is now the seed of Jesus by belief only.
 That the throne of David does not presently exist.
 That the Gentiles are never Israelites.
 That the Old Testament promises are not exclusive to Israel.
 That there is no difference between the House of Israel and the House of Judah, and so
 prophecy addressed to one House applies equally to the other House, in all cases.
 That Jesus was a Jew [in the wrong sense].
 That the re-gathering of Israel is now taking place - simply because people calling themselves
 "Jews" are gathering in Palestine.
 That Israel is a place, as well as a people.
 That the promises made to Abraham's seed apply to all other seeds of all races. All "*sperma*"
 are the same.
 That Christianity sprang out Judaism.
 That Judaism and Hebraism are the same thing and originate from the same source
 suggesting that "Judeo-Christian" is a valid term.

If all these things are generally believed, then they must be cultish beliefs!

IS THIS THE MASTER DECEPTION OF SATAN?

Rev 2:9 "I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are
 the synagogue of Satan".

Just as Satan wanted Jesus to bow down and worship him, and as Lucifer [=Satan] wanted to be like
 God and be worshipped, so Satan wants to be worshipped today. Jesus refers to people calling
 themselves "Jews" [= "*Ioudaios*" or Judean] who "are not" as being of the synagogue of Satan. So
 Jesus says Satan has a synagogue among peoples calling themselves "Jews" today. As Jesus said
 in John 8:44 their father was, and still is, the Devil. Would there be a better place to start a deception,
 than to begin with the seed of Abraham? The denominations still refuse to agree with Jesus that the
 synagogue of Satan still exists and is active right through the church age against God's people.

The word, "Jews," cannot always be taken in the way that is commonly accepted. Modern
 international Jewry is primarily of Edomic or Japheth/Ashkenazim or Sephardim origin, and the
 Jewish Encyclopaedia agrees that "*Edom is modern Jewry*", as quoted earlier. Edomites are not
 Israelites; it was Esau who sold his birthright. The descendants of Japheth cannot be Israelites.
 Neither are "Jews" of other races necessarily Israelites by race.

Modern Jewry relates to Edom, Zionism, World Government and the State of Israel, but not to Biblical
 Israel. At the end of the age it will be the Edomite-Jewish association with their Babylonian enmity that
 will be burned by fire - [Obadiah 1:16-18: Rev 18:6-8].

But there is a final twist declared in Encyclopedia Judaica 1971 Vol 10:23:

**"JEWS BEGAN IN THE 19TH CENTURY TO CALL THEMSELVES HEBREWS
 AND ISRAELITES IN 1860".**

This coincides with the cry, "anti-Semitism". If Zionists began as late in history to pretend that they
 were Israelites or Hebrews, this confirms the hoax that suggests that "The Jews" as a general term
 are the Israel of the Bible.