

A biblical analysis of the Jewish people

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Introduction

This essay was written with the intent of sharing Biblical wisdom about the Jewish people. Moreover, this discussion is focused on Biblical ideas and stories, not political ideologies such as Zionism. Whilst the story of Abramham might seem somewhat off-topic, his titled as “Father of Judaism”, warrants a short summary. I realize I have biases being a Christian, but I wrote this with the utmost sincerity and impartiality I could muster. God Bless.

Part I: The beginning of Judaism

KJV Genesis 12:1-3

“Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.”

Abraham, or Abram, was a shepherd that lived in the 6th century BC. Abraham was a very normal, ordinary guy and that is maybe why God chose him. In chapter 12 of Genesis, God asks Abraham to abandon his home land and go to a foreign place, which Abraham doesn't even know exists. [In return](#) for Abraham's faith to God, He will bless Abraham. Moreover, those who curse Abraham shall in return be cursed. Elohim said he would work through Abraham. When

Genesis says “all families of the earth be blessed” it’s not just referring to Jews. However, I’m unsure whether everyone shall be blessed because of the Jewish people or everyone that supports the Jews will be blessed.

Genesis 12:5

“And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.”

This journey for Abraham was not easy. He was an old man going to an unknown, perhaps dangerous, land. However, it was necessary for Canaan to become the promise land to the Israelites by God. The land Canaan means “purple” or “blue” in Hebrew. The dye comes from a [common snail](#) in the middle east. The act of acquiring this dye is very tedious and expensive. It takes roughly 10,000 snails to produce a thimble of dye. Only the royals could afford the dye, hence the name royal blue.

Numbers 15: 38-40

“Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue:

And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them ; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring: That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.”

The Israel flag is white and blue, which is no accident. The Jews were [commanded](#) to make garments and a ribbon of blue. Mr. Guzik says, “These were intended to remind Israel to Whom they belonged ... Christian theme clothing and jewelry and such can indeed serve a purpose. Such things can remind us of who we are, and provide a kind of ‘walking accountability’ for our conduct.”

Genesis 12:10

“And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land.”

Abraham finally [made](#) the move to Canaan. However, his faith was tested with a famine. Abraham thought Elohim wouldn’t provide for his needs, so he moved to Egypt, against God’s will. Egypt is largely a desert and Canaan is a mountain-like terrain. Famines were largely caused by a lack of seasonal rain, so it makes little sense why he would move to the desert, which would be more hard hit by food hostages. Dr. Smith [claims](#) that Abraham moved to the desert because it was similar to the land he used to inhabit, falling back on what he knows, instead of trusting in something new. For the sake of brevity, Abraham, his wife, and Lot eventually returned to Canaan ([Genesis 12:10-20](#)). Lot, who traveled with Abraham, is his

nephew. Both Abraham and Lot were wealthy landowners. However, their shepherds got into disputes and they agreed to part ways. Lot moved near Sodom whilst Abraham went to Hebron. Both these cities were still in the promised land.

Park II: The chosen people

The [history channel](#) states:

“Jews believe that God made a special covenant with Abraham and that he and his descendants were chosen people who would create a great nation.”

One of the most convoluted and frustrating questions is defining what exactly a Jew is. There are two or three aspects to being considered Jewish: the religious side, the ethnic side, and to an extent the nationalistic side of Israel. Classification gets even more confusing because the Old Testament never uses the word “Judaism.” However, through careful understanding of the Scripture, I think we can reach a solid conclusion. The seed of Abraham are considered Jews in a racial sense. There were/are 12 tribes of Israel descended from Abraham. The Kingdom of Judah dominated Israel and from that tribe we get the name “Jew.”

Matthew 1:1

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.”

Seventeen times in the Bible Jesus is called the Son of David. However, David lived many, many years before the birth of Jesus Christ.

Deuteronomy 7:6

“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.”

Adonai chose the nation of Israel to be His chosen people through whom Jesus Christ would be born. More specifically, He chose the lineage of David for the coming of Christ, this is known as the [Davidic covenant](#). Mary was of descent from David and it was from that we get the title “Son of David.”

Genesis 49:10

“The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be*.”

This verse predicts what would happen in the verse above it. Here we see Jesus is referred to as Shiloh. This verse is a prophecy stating that Jesus and the kings of Israel would arise from the kingdom of Judah. Mr. Gezik [states](#), “The leadership prophecy took some 640 years to fulfill *in part* with the reign of David, first of Judah’s dynasty of kings. The prophecy took some 1600 years to *completely* fulfill in Jesus.” Furthermore, Jews are from the Seed of Abraham. God’s promise to Abraham is known as the [Abrahamic Covenant](#), which is unconditional. From this Covenant, we know Adonai blessed the Jews.

Exodus 19:6

“And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.”

The second reason the people of Israel were chosen was to serve in priesthood. [Dr. Claude Mariottini](#) wrote, “God called Israel to be a servant nation, a nation with a special vocation to reveal the true God to the nations.” In other words, God chose the people Israel for the coming of Christ and to spread the Scripture. Elohim chose the people of Israel, but not everyone in Israel obeyed.

Romans 9: 6-7

“Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they *are* not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.”

Mr. Guzik [stated](#), “One meaning of the name Israel is “governed by God.” Paul says here that not all Israel is really “governed by God.”

Galatians 3:28-29

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed and heirs according to the promise.”

Paul is speaking about the Jews as a racial group (which he belonged to). However, in Christ we are all one. The point I want to highlight is that Galatians 3:28-29 seems to contradict Romans 9: 6-7. However, Romans is talking about physical descendants of Abraham whilst Galatians is talking about spiritual descendants of Abraham. Mr. Guzik [stated](#) “Since all Christians belong to Jesus the Messiah, all Christians are spiritual descendants of Abraham and heirs of God.”

Part III: The Rejection of Jesus Christ

Many people believe the Jews are still God’s chosen people. However, it’s important to remember the two reasons the Jews were chosen in the Old Testament.

Luke: 23: 20-24

“Pilate, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. But they shouted, saying, “Crucify *Him*, crucify Him!” Then he said to them the third time, “Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let *Him* go.” But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed. So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested. “

[Pontius Pilate](#) was the Roman Judge overseeing the trial of Jesus Christ. Pilate didn't want Jesus to be killed, he saw Him as innocent. However, Pilate was facing intense pressure from the Jews to have him crucified, so he caved. Why would the Jews, out of all people, the chosen people of God, want to crucify the Almighty?

The Old Covenant of the Old Testament was quite different from the New Covenant laid out by Jesus. This doesn't mean they are contradicting, rather, the Old Covenant was fulfilled and it was time for the New Covenant to be laid out. The Jews clinged onto the Old Covenant and twisted it to their own views. The practice of distorting scripture is nothing new. For example, Satan attempted this act in [Matthew 4:6](#). This helps [explain](#) why “The Jews rejected Jesus because He failed, in their eyes, to do what they expected their Messiah to do—destroy evil and all their enemies and establish an eternal kingdom with Israel as the preeminent nation in the world.” Moreover, the Jewish people saw Jesus Christ as a blasphemer to their perception of God.

John 11:17

“Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.”

John 11:23

“Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.”

The story of Lazarus in chapter 11 of John illustrates how the chief priests (leaders) of the Jews thought of Jesus as contradictory to their own views. According to [Don Stewart](#), “Rather than causing belief, it made them want to get rid of Him” Mr. Guzik [wrote](#), “The chief priests were mostly Sadducees, and the Sadducees didn’t believe in the resurrection. Lazarus was a living example of life after death, and having him around was an embarrassment to their theological system.” The Sadducees was a Jewish group who wanted to adopt more Greek culture and reject things that are supernatural (such as resurrection).

God chose the people of Israel for the coming of Christ and to spread the Scripture. However, the Jews rejected Christ, which meant rejecting a central purpose of being God’s chosen people. Subsequently, the New Covenant laid out by Christ was rejected by the Jewish people. Not only was the scripture twisted to fit the narrative of certain Jewish leaders, but also Judaism has moved away from the Bible. To illustrate, the Talmud is a central text of mainstream Judaism. This book tried to revise the Old Testament into a more modern view. Mr.

Wheeler [wrote](#), “many of the passages of the Talmud are dedicated to interpretations of various provisions of the Law of Moses, which Christians believe were fulfilled in Christ and no longer apply, which makes a great deal of the Talmud not only non-authoritative but also irrelevant.” Even the Bible hath written about Jesus rejecting the Mishnah, which is a part of the Talmud.

Mathew: 23:23-24

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!”

In these verses Jesus speaks directly to the Pharisees. The Pharisees was a Jewish group who wanted less Greek culture, strict obedience to Jewish law, and belief in the supernatural. Thus, both groups of Jews, Pharisees and Sadducees, rejected Christ for different reasons. To amalgamate, the religion of the Jews could no longer be practiced because the Old Covenant was fulfilled. Instead, they created a new pseudo-religion largely based on the Talmud.

Part IV: The Jews are no longer God's chosen people

In the Old Testament the Jewish people were God's chosen people ([Deuteronomy 7:6](#), [Exodus 19:5](#), [1 Kings 8:53](#)). The Jews are from the genetic descent of Abraham and they were chosen to spread the word of Elohim.

Isaiah 42:6

“I am the Lord; I called you with righteousness and I will strengthen your hand; and I formed you, and I made you for a people's covenant, for a light to nations.”

This responsibility meant they were held to a higher standard.

Amos 3:2

“You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.”

Mr. Guzik [stated](#) that since Israel was given a great privilege, it also carried a great responsibility. However, the Jews rejected Christ, and in doing so, they failed to accept further essential responsibility. As a result, the nation of Israel and the Jewish people are no longer God's chosen people.

Matthew: 21:43-44

“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

In these verses Jesus is directly addressing the Jewish leaders. Not only does Jesus strip the Jews of their special title, but He will give it to another people. God’s chosen people are today called Christians. The doctrine of [Supersessionism](#) states that “that the Christian Church has succeeded the Israelites as the definitive people of God.”

Ephesians 1:3-6

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ, even as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to be His own adopted children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in His Beloved:”

Ephesians shows that God has chosen us (meaning those who believe) in Christ. This claim is further illustrated in [John 15:16](#). The doctrines of predestination are often mentioned in these verses. More specifically, Calvinists [believe](#) a certain percent of the population was chosen to be God’s chosen people, aka Christians. However, this is not relevant to this discussion.

Rather, the importance is that Christians, not Jews, are Adonai's chosen people in the New Testament.

Part V: The Biblical Plans for the Jewish People

The religion of Judaism became Christianity. The Israelites rejected Christ and with it, embraced a pseudo-religion largely based on the Talmud. However, Christ's grace hath given Jews a special plan for the future.

Deuteronomy 28:64

“And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.”

In the Old Testament the Jews disobeyed God and faced many consequences. Deuteronomy 28 verses 15–68 was a list of punishments that would happen when the Jews would eventually disobey Adonai (The book of Deuteronomy was written before the Jews

largely disobeyed God). As predicted by verse 64, the Jewish people were scattered across the land.

Deuteronomy 30: 3

“then the LORD your God 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.”

Arno Gaebelenein’s [commentary](#) on the verse said the following,

“The people Israel are scattered among all the nations, and yet they have not been assimilated by the nations. They are kept as a separate people. . . . He will bring them back into their land; they will possess it once more. Spiritual blessings will also come upon them and upon their children. Earthly blessings will be multiplied unto them and the Lord will rejoice over them, because they are a converted, an obedient people.”

In addition, the Antichrist will make a 7-year covenant of "peace" with Israel ([Daniel 9:27](#)). [This](#) covenant probably will be made at the beginning of the 7 year period. The temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem.

Revelation 11:1

“Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, “Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there,”

The Antichrist [will](#) break his covenant with Israel, and worldwide persecution of Israel will result ([Revelation 12:13](#), [Daniel 12:1](#)).

Zechariah 12:10

“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.”

Israel will finally recognize Jesus as their Messiah. Israel will be regenerated, restored, and regathered.

Jeremiah 33:8

“ I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me.”

Conclusion

Abraham’s faith was tested. His trust in the Lord leads to Abraham and his people being blessed, the Abrahamic Covenant. He moves to Canaan, where God establishes that as the promised land. The seed of Abraham are considered Jews in a racial sense. Adonai chose the nation of Israel to be His chosen people through whom Jesus Christ would be born. The second

reason the people of Israel were chosen was to serve in priesthood. The Jews, His chosen people, cried out for the crucifixion of Jesus. The Jews thought Jesus failed to “destroy evil and all their enemies and establish an eternal kingdom with Israel as the preeminent nation in the world.” Moreover, the Jewish people saw Jesus Christ as a blasphemer. The distorted Jewish view of the Bible and the rejection of Christ changed the religion of Judaism. This new pseudo-religion, based on the Talmud, was not the religion of Abraham or Moses. The Jews were God’s chosen people in the Old Testament. However, The Christian Church has succeeded the Israelites as the definitive people of God. In the Tribulation, Israel will finally recognize Jesus as their Messiah. Israel will be regenerated, restored, and regathered. Amen.

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