

Jews Are The Chosen People Of The Lord

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It is written in the Holy scriptures by the prophets of old time, that the Jews were called the chosen people of the Lord.

It is also recorded in the scriptures that the Jews are of the generations of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob, who later was called 'Israel'. We read in Genesis Chapter 32: verses 24-28, an important account that concerns part of the beginning of the life of this great man called Jacob or (Israel.)

And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of this thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

And he said "Let me go, for the day breaketh." And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me, and he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said Jacob. And (the stranger) said, "Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but 'Israel'; for a prince hast thou power with God and with me, and has prevailed.

We read in Genesis Chapter 49, Jacob - Israel had twelve sons, and he called unto his sons and said, "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days."

Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob, and hearken unto 'Israel' your father. Reuben, thou art my first born, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power.

Simeon and Levi, are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united; for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill, they digged down a wall. Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: "I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel." Judah, thou art he whom they brethren shall praise: "Thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee."

Judah is a lion's whelp: from thy prey, my son, thou art gone up; he stopped down, he crouched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The scepter 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. Binding his foal unto the vine,

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and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

Zebulun, shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon.

Issachar, is a strong ass couching down between two burdens: And he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and become a servant unto tribute.

Dan, shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. Dan shall be a serpent by the way, and adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backwards. I have waited for they salvation, O Lord.

Gad, a troop shall overcome him; but he shall overcome at the last. Out of Asher, his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties. Naphtali, is a hind let loose: he giveth good words.

Joseph, is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well: Whose branches run over the wall: The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong, by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob, from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:

Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty; who shall bless thee with blessing of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessing of the breasts, and of the womb:

The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors, unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separated from his brether.

Benjamin, shall ravin as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil...

All these sons are the twelve tribes of Israel; and this is it - that their father Jacob, spake unto them, and

blessed them; every one according to Israel's blessing, he blessed them.

Now Israel loved Joseph more, than all his children, because, he (Joseph) was the son born of his old age; and he made him a coat of 'many colors'. And when his brethren saw that their father loved him, (Joseph) more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceable unto him.

Note: There is a great deal more to this story, which covers the life of Joseph, who was sold down into Egypt; which information is further related in Chapter 37, of the book of Genesis.

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