

The word “Jew” has come into English from the Hebrew name “Judah,” the fourth son of Jacob (called Israel). The reason that the name of this one son became a title for all of Jacob’s descendants is lost to history. But from the tribe came the most famous Jew of History... Jesus

To bring his Savior into the world,
God started with one person...
Abraham. His plan was a unique
relationship (covenant) with
Abraham's extended family in order
to create a holy environment in which
he could deposit his Word and his
Son.

If you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession...

You will be for me a kingdom of PRIESTS and a HOLY NATION.

(Exodus 19:6)

The Jewish role was to be that of **example** and **guidance** to all the other nations. On God's behalf they would provide **inspiration** (attraction) and **revelation** (permission).

- The Jews went through multiple cycles of failure, discipline, and restoration.
- When Jesus came he condemned their focus on “Tradition Keeping” and he explained that HE was God’s ultimate sacrifice for sin, rendering their past system useless and finished.
- They refused to listen, believe, receive Jesus.



WHY?

PRIDE

I desire mercy, not
SACRIFICE. I have not
come to call the righteous,
but sinners to repentance.

(Matthew 9:13)

CHANGE

Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Whoever humbles himself like this little child...

(Matthew 9:13)

Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and obey it.

(Luke 11:28)

ISRAEL TODAY

- A. No change...** all of God's covenants remain intact..
political/national future

- B. Complete change....** New covenant, new Israel (church)...
promises fulfilled.

Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the gentiles has come in. And so **ALL ISRAEL will be saved.**

(Romans 11:26)

- a) Refers to a mass conversion of entire group of “national” Israel.
- b) Refers to all who are saved as “Israel,” but this includes some Jews (11:14) and some Gentiles (11:24) i.e. Israel is used in both national and spiritual sense in this verse.

HEAVEN?

Every person given eternal life in heaven will be there because they have “converted” to saving **Faith** in **Christ**.

*No Jew, no matter how orthodox or traditional, can receive forgiveness of sin by virtue of being Jewish
(Romans 3:9-30, 9:30-10:4)