

## ~JEWESS (155)

[Of, or belonging to, Judah]

### .. Figurative Use

- **A person belonging to the tribe of Judah.** The name is not used in the Bible account prior to the fall of the ten-tribe kingdom of Israel. The southern kingdom was called Judah, and the people were called sons of Judah or the tribe of the sons of Judah.
- The first one to use the name **Jews** was the writer of the books of Kings, doubtless Jeremiah, whose prophetic service began in **647 B.C.E.**
- At that time Rezin the king of Syria restored Elath to Edom, after which he cleared out the **Jews** from Elath, and the Edomites, for their part, entered Elath and kept dwelling there down to this day. (**2 Kings 16:6**)
- And it came about in the seventh month that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama of the royal offspring came, and also ten men with him, and they got to strike down Gedaliah, so that he died, and also the Jews and the Chaldeans that happened to be with him in Mizpah. (**2 Kings 25:25**)
- After the exile the name was applied to any Israelites returning.
- Let it become known to the king that the **Jews** who came up here from you to us have come to Jerusalem. They are building the rebellious and bad city, and they proceed to finish the walls and to repair the foundations. (**Ezra 4:12**)
- Let the work on that house of God alone. The governor of the Jews and the older men of the Jews will rebuild that house of God upon its place. (**Ezra 6:7**)
- Then Hanani, one of my brothers, came in, he and other men from Judah, and I proceeded to ask them about the **Jews**, those who had escaped, who had been left over of the captivity, and also about Jerusalem. (**Nehemiah 1:2**)
- And the **Jews** and the deputy rulers, a hundred and fifty men, and those coming in to us from the nations that were around us were at my table. (**Nehemiah 5:17**)

- **And, finally, to all Hebrews throughout the world, to distinguish them from the Gentile nations.**
- **But it was despicable in his eyes to lay hand upon Mordecai alone, for they had told him about Mordecai's people, and Haman began seeking to annihilate all the Jews who were in all the realm of Ahasuerus, Mordecai's people. (Esther 3:6)**
- **And Mordecai proceeded to write these things and send written documents to all the Jews that were in all the jurisdictional districts of King Ahasuerus, the nearby and the distant ones. (Esther 9:20)**
- **Gentile men who accepted the Jewish faith and became circumcised proselytes also declared themselves Jews.**
- **And in all the different jurisdictional districts and in all the different cities wherever the word of the king and his Law were reaching there were rejoicing and exultation for the Jews, a banquet and a good day, and many of the peoples of the land were declaring themselves Jews, for the dread of the Jews had fallen upon them. (Esther 8:17)**
- **However, in the Hebrew Scriptures the expression alien resident may refer to one who had adopted the religion of the Jews.**
- **This is what Yehowah has said; Render justice and righteousness, and deliver the one that is being robbed out of the hand of the defrauder, and do not maltreat any alien resident, fatherless boy or widow. Do them no violence. And do not shed any innocent blood in this place. (Jeremiah 22:3)**
- **And even in the Christian Greek Scriptures such are distinguished at times by the term proselytes.**
- **And Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya, which is toward Cyrene, and sojourners from Rome, both Jews and proselytes. (Acts of Apostles 2:10)**
- **And the thing spoken was pleasing to the whole multitude, and they selected Stephen, a man full of faith and Holy Spirit, and Philip and Prochorus and Nicanor and Timon and Parmenas and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. (Acts of Apostles 6:5)**

- So after the synagogue assembly was dissolved, many of the Jews and of the proselytes who worshiped God followed Paul and Barnabas, who in speaking to them began urging them to continue in the undeserved kindness of God. ([Acts of Apostles 13:43](#))
- The term **Jewess** is used at;
- Some days later Felix arrived with Drusilla his wife, who was a **Jewess**, and he sent for Paul and listened to him on the belief in Christ Jesus. ([Acts of Apostles 24:24](#))
- When Jesus was a young child, the astrologers came, inquiring; Where is the one born king of the **Jews**?
- After Jesus had been born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, look! Astrologers from eastern parts came to Jerusalem. ([Matthew 2:1](#))
- Saying; Where is the one born king of the **Jews**? For we saw his star when we were in the east, and we have come to do him obeisance. ([Matthew 2:2](#))
- Pilate wrote a title also and put it on the torture stake. It was written. Jesus the Nazarene the King of the Jews. ([John 19:19](#))

## •• Figurative Use

- The apostle Paul, in arguing that the **Jews** were mistaken in their pride of fleshly descent and in relying on the works of the Law to find favor with God, said.
- For he is not a **Jew** who is one on the outside, nor is circumcision that which is on the outside upon the flesh. ([Romans 2:28](#))
- But he is a **Jew** who is one on the inside, and his circumcision is that of the heart by spirit, and not by a written code. The praise of that one comes, not from men, but from God. ([Romans 2:29](#))
- Here Paul, by a play on the meaning of the name Judah, shows that the real basis for praise from God is **being a servant of God from the heart, by spirit.**

- This argument parallels his reasoning in ([Romans Chapter 4](#)), that the true seed of Abraham are those with the faith of Abraham. He further points out that in the Christian congregation nationality is of no consequence, for there is neither **Jew** nor Greek, Gentile.
- There is neither **Jew** nor Greek, there is neither slave nor freeman, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one person in union with Christ Jesus. ([Galatians 3:28](#))
- The resurrected Jesus Christ spoke to the congregation at Smyrna, comforting them with regard to the persecution they were receiving, to a great extent at the hands of the Jews, saying; I know the blasphemy by those who say they themselves are Jews, and yet they are not but are a synagogue of Satan.
- I know your tribulation and poverty, but you are rich, and the blasphemy by those who say they themselves are Jews, and yet they are not but are a synagogue of Satan. ([Revelation 2:9](#))