

Israel and Judah

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- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Purpose – To help you in your personal Bible study
 - Goal – to help you study about the terms “Israel” and “Judah”
 - Title – “Israel and Judah”
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- Where is the first time “Jacob” is mentioned in the Bible?

Gen. 25:23-26 twins – Esau and Jacob
26 “afterward his brother came out and his hand took hold of Esau’s heel; so his name was called Jacob”

From gotquestions.org – “Jacob’s birth name, *Jacob*, means ‘supplanter, deceiver.’ It was given to him because, when Jacob was born as the second of a set of twins, ‘his hand [was] grasping [his twin’s] heel.’ True to his name, Jacob grew up as a conniver, deceiver and cheat. And he eventually supplanted his brother’s position as heir to the birthright.”

- Where is the first time “Israel” is mentioned in the Bible?

Gen. 32:28 and He said: “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel – for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed”

From gotquestions.org – “After Jacob’s struggle with the Lord, the Lord gave Jacob a new name: *Israel*. And God gave the reason: ‘Because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.’ ”

Gen. 35:9-10 “Your name is Jacob. Your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name”

From gotquestions.org – “Thus the ‘heel-catcher’ became ‘one who struggles with God’ . . . Some have suggested that the name *Jacob* represents his old nature and *Israel* his new. That is, he is called ‘Jacob’ when functioning in his carnal old nature, but he is called ‘Israel’ when he is acting out of his new nature. . . It is best not to make too much of the Jacob/Israel distinction, since some passages include both *Jacob* and *Israel* within the same immediate context.”

Gen. 37:1-3 mentioning both names – (Jacob, Israel)

- When is the first time “Jew” is mentioned in the Bible?
Actually, the first time is plural – “Jews”
In the King James, the location is 2 Kings 16:6
In the New King James, the name is “men of Judah”

2 Kings 16:6 at that time Rezin (king of Syria) recovered Elath to Syria and drove out the Jews

- Where are the names “Israel” and “Judah” both mentioned?

2 Kings 17:18 the Lord was very angry with “Israel” and removed them from His sight – there were none left, but the tribe of “Judah”

2 Kings 23:27 the Lord said: “I will remove Judah from My sight, as I have removed Israel, I will cast off this city Jerusalem (which I have chosen and the house which I have chosen”

Jer. 3:8 “I saw backsliding Israel had committed adultery, and I put her away – and her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but played the harlot”

- Be very careful when you interpret the scriptures (including the promises) to Israel
- Some of those scriptures may not be referring to a physical nation called “Israel” today

Gen. 49:8-12 Judah
Gen. 49:22-26 Joseph

1 Thes. 2:14-16 you brethren became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ – for you suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans

- Who killed both the Lord Jesus
- Who killed their own prophets
- Have persecuted us
- Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles (that they might be saved)

Rom. 1:16 salvation – to the Jew first & also to the Greek
Rom. 2:9 tribulation & anguish – to the Jew first & also to the Greek
 10 glory, honor & peace – to the Jew first & also to the Greek