

# "Salvation Is of the Jews"

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If the Jews are not Hebrews, and subsequently not the **"CHOSEN"**, how then, could our salvation possibly come from them? This is both a proper and sincere question which was asked by a Christian who has become interested in this work on the Hebrews and the Jews. On the surface it seems to contradict the thesis that the Jew is not the Hebrew of the bible, and it certainly seems to be incongruous with the idea that a Christian's salvation could possibly come from a race of people, who do not believe in Jesus Christ and as such have no salvation for themselves. Yet in **John 4:22** we are told, "YE WORSHIP YE KNOW NOT WHAT; WE KNOW WHAT WE WORSHIP: FOR SALVATION IS OF THE JEWS." Jesus made this statement when he was talking to the Samaritan woman at the well.

A simple study of several scriptures plus a clear definition of what the term **"JEW"** originally meant should clear the problem of what seems to be a contradiction; but certainly is not! Of course, establishment preachers find no problem with this scripture at all! They simply say that "Jesus was Jew, and He is our salvation; hence salvation is of the Jews." This works well for them since they don't correlate this scripture with the many scriptures throughout the New Testament dealing with this subject, and they completely omit the statement of Jesus that "we know what we worship." Obviously, Jesus included himself in the term, "we" since He spoke it. Now Jesus was God in the flesh, and therefore knew everything, and everyone from the foundations of the earth. Therefore he knew the "Jews". Listen what Jesus (God) said to them in the eighth chapter of the book of John: (verse 47), "He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God." Now if Jesus was a Jew, as most preachers of his gospel claim, then when he used the term "we" above, he would be speaking of the Jews. He would be indicating that "we (the Jews) know what we worship," and since they obviously did not worship him, this statement would not make any sense at all. Jesus would in fact be saying, "we know what we worship...and it is not me."

But a still greater truth is taught in this scripture, and it too is completely lost by most of today's preachers. Jesus Christ (God in the flesh) stated to the Jews that ".....ye are not of God." Since Jesus (God in flesh) knew that the Jews were not of Him.....HOW THEN, COULD THEY BE THE CHOSEN OF HIM?"

At the time that Jesus made the statement, "Salvation is of the Jews," to the "woman at the well," **the term "Jew" had only two meanings.**<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> After the "Diaspora", the dispersion of the "Jews" in 70 A.D., the term "Jew" came to mean anyone who embraced the religion of Judaism.

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1. A person who was a member of the tribe of Judah. (Hebrew-Chosen)
2. A person who lived in the Kingdom of Judah, or Judea.

Since Jesus lived both in Nazareth, and Capernaum all of his adult life- cities or villages located in Galilee, not Judea- the definition of the term "Jew" given in #2 above would not have applied to him. The definition given in #1 above would, however, since Christ was of the tribe of Judah (Hebrews-Chosen) and it was to this tribe that the term "Jew" was originally given. However, it would be totally incorrect to say that, "Salvation is of the Jews," and mean the definition of the term "Jew" today, ie: any person embracing Judaism as a religion.<sup>2</sup> To use the contemporary meaning of the term "Jew" in the context of this scripture, one would be saying that "salvation was of Judaism," and of course, this makes less sense than that "of the Jews."

**PSALMS 68:20:** "He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God, the Lord, belong the issues from death."

First, this shows unquestionably that the Lord is God, and that God is the Lord! Secondly, it shows plainly that the Lord is the God of salvation. Also, it shows that "He is our God," and of course "our" means the Hebrews since there were absolutely no Jews when King David wrote the Psalms.

**LUKE 1:69:** "And has raised a horn of salvation for us in the house of his Servant, David."

The House of David, of course, is the tribe of Judah which was one of the original twelve tribes of Israel. There are the Hebrews, not the Jews. The "Horn of salvation" refers to Christ Jesus, who gave himself up to the cross for the propitiation of our sins...thus our salvation! Therefore, our salvation comes through Christ, and him only. Since Jesus Christ was of the tribe of Judah, (Yehudah) he could not technically be called a "Jew" since this term is a translation of the Latin "Judaeus," which meant **"AN INHABITANT OF JUDEA."** As we can see, then, the term "Jew" has never properly carried a racial meaning to it whatever! During Jesus' lifetime, (prior to the term "Jew") he was properly called a "Galilean" in the Bible, because he was from the country of Galilee. (**Luke 23:6**) He was properly called a "Nazarene" (**Matthew 2:23**) because he lived in the city of Nazareth. And he was properly called a Yehudi because he was of the tribe of Yehudah. (**Hebrew for Judah**)

Jesus Christ cannot properly be called a "Jew" today under any circumstances, since the term has been enlarged to include everyone who embraces the religion of Judaism, "the religion of the Jews." **THEREFORE THE CORRECT TRANSLATION OF THIS SCRIPTURE SHOULD HAVE BEEN:**

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**“Ye worship ye know not what; we (Hebrews) know what we worship: for SALVATION IS OF THE HEBREWS.”**

To sum it all up, one can truthfully and correctly say that Jesus Christ is Lord, and as our Lord and Saviour, certainly knew from whence our Salvation came. Since he was a Hebrew of the tribe of Yehudah (Judah) and was not a “Jew” and never referred to himself as being one, he knew that our salvation would never come from the “Jews.” Since the Son and the Father is one, Jesus certainly knew that he would be our salvation and that he would be born of the seed of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and his son, Judah, (Yehudah) and that Judaism, “the religion of the Jews’ would have absolutely nothing, whatever, to do with our salvation.