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Jew, Jewish & Judaism

I. Words Matter

A. Jew (Judah)

- Jewish
- Judaism
- Israelite
- Israeli

B. Arab

Britannica
"Arab, Any member of the Arabic-speaking peoples native to the Middle East and North Africa. Before the spread of Islam in the 630's CE, the term referred to the largely nomadic Semitic peoples of the Arabian Peninsula."

II. Why do the Jewish people matter to God?

GOD CHOSE THEM!

Genesis 17:3–8 (NIV®)
Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, 4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. 5 No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. 6 I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. 7 **I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.** 8 The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."

Deuteronomy 7:6 (NIV®)
For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. **The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people**, his treasured possession.

III. Should the Jewish people matter to us?

Romans 11:1–2 (NIV®)
I ask then: **Did God reject his people? By no means!** I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. 2 **God did not reject his people**, whom he foreknew. **Don't you know what the Scripture says** in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel:

John 4:22 (NIV®)
. . . for salvation is from the Jews.

Romans 9:4–5 (NIV®)
the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. 5 Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

Revelation 21:10–12 (NIV®)
And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. 11 It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates**. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel**.

IV. Is the nation of Israel biblically significant today?

2 Chronicles 6:6 (NIV®)
But now I have chosen Jerusalem for my Name to be there

Joel 3:1–3 (NIV®)
"In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,
2 I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel, for they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land. 3 They cast lots for my people and traded boys for prostitutes; they sold girls for wine that they might drink."

Luke 21:24 (NIV®)
They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

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