

THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God
IN CHRIST JESUS.*

(Philippians 3:13-14 NASB)

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Ashkenazi Jews – Modern Jewry

Every time you hear the word *Jew*, do you think of someone who is a blood descendant of Jacob or Judah. It is probably safe to state that many Christians and most people in the world think the same way. The world-at-large might not be able to link the Jew to Judah, but they assume that there is some special blood in one called a *Jew*. As the thinking goes, the Jew is a special race of people with a unique bloodline that sets them apart from the rest of mankind, as if they have these genealogical charts hanging on the wall or perhaps in a computer database that identify the family tree of every Jew that traces back to Judah, to Jacob, to Isaac, and to Abraham. In other words, they are thought of as one of the purest races on earth today. However, what about the interracial marriage that has occurred amongst the Judahites since entering Canaan many millennia ago? This alone has greatly diluted the gene pool. This might challenge your thinking, but Jewry is not a homogenous gene pool, nor is it a chosen race of people that, no matter what they do, God chooses to overlook their transgressions. It's not true.

Today, when most people hear the word *Israel*, they think of the word *Jew* and a nation of racially pure Jews that are on ancient land that was given to them by God. The other thing that sets them apart in most minds is **Judaism**, the ancient religion of the Jew, as if it is still the religion of God. To be sure, the word *Jew* has many more meanings in our day, but the point is, when people hear the word, it carries a certain aura of blood uniqueness and religious heritage, and it is most often identified with modern Israel in which Jews are generally thought of as Israelites and Israelites as Jews.

Well, what if you were told that many of those who call themselves *Jews* today have no proven bloodline to Judah; rather, they are Jews because they or their ancestors converted to Judaism, or they became a citizen of modern Israel? In other words, they are from other races or tribes or families, which make them racial or tribal Jews, not "descendants of Judah" Jews. For example, the Edomites or Idumeans (descendants of Jacob's twin brother Esau) were forced by John Hyrcanus to convert to Judaism in 126 BC and were absorbed into Jewry, not in heart but in outward rituals. They were allowed to stay in their cities if they were circumcised and followed the laws and rituals of the Jews. They did. King Herod was one of their descendants. However, there is another people group that converted to Judaism that is probably one of the most influential Jewish groups in the world today, if not the most influential in the realm of commerce and finance, that is, in **Mystery Babylon**.

Have you ever heard of the country called *Khazaria* (or *Charzaria*, *Gazaria*)? If you are like me, you have never heard of it until now. Recently, I was researching **the house of Rothschild** and came across some very interesting things, not only about this infamous house that has been instrumental in shaping and continuing to influence **the current global financial system** that is a major component of Mystery Babylon. The Rothschilds are generally thought to be **Khazarian** or **Ashkenazi Jews**.

Khazaria was located in **southern Russia** in an area between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea and north of Poland. The **Khazar Empire** was a powerful kingdom in Eastern Europe during the Dark Ages. In 740 AD, the king of Khazaria by the name of Joseph converted his entire kingdom to Judaism and the people followed, thus creating the Jewish Kingdom of Khazaria that lasted for nearly a thousand years until it was brought down by Genghis Khan. Mind you, this conversion of a whole kingdom occurred after Judaism and the Old Covenant had been made obsolete in 70 AD. Essentially, they grafted themselves into the cursed, barren fig tree of Judah that rejected Christ and continues to do so.

Joseph claimed that his people were descendants of Japheth's grandson Togarmah, the ancestor of "all Turkish tribes." This is interesting, for it means that they were not of the line of Shem that led to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, but of Shem's brother Japheth, the third son of Noah. Togarmah was the son of Gomer, and one of Togarmah's brothers was named *Ashkenaz*.

(1) Now these are the records of the generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah; and sons were born to them after the flood. (2) The sons of Japheth were Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras. (3) The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz and Riphath and Togarmah. (Genesis 10:1-3 NASB)

Now, here is the most interesting part. According to various sources, it is estimated that **80-90% of modern Jewry is descended from the Khazarians**, and they call themselves **Ashkenazi Jews**, named after Togarmah's brother. Some sources state that this percentage applies to "white" Jews. This makes sense; undoubtedly, there are other racial Jews in the world (e.g., Chinese Jews, Ethiopian Jews, etc). Further, it is also claimed that many of the leaders in the global financial system (Mystery Babylon) and many of the Hollywood culture set are Ashkenazi Jews as well. Some believe that these Jews are the primary movers and shakers of the system.

Some historians believe that after the Khazar Empire was defeated, some of the Khazarians or Ashkenazi Jews migrated to Poland and **"formed the cradle of Western Jewry"** that spread to many parts of the world, including to modern Israel and America.

If all of this is true, then this has profound implications, for it implies that many of the ones claiming to be Jews, especially the ones coming out of Europe that migrated to Israel and America, are not blood descendants of Judah but actually descendants of entirely different bloodlines. For the purists that believe a person must be a descendant of Judah in order to be called a natural Jew or one according to the flesh, the majority of Jews, as Ashkenazi Jews, are not truly Jews.

This one example, a major one at that, should dispel any doubt about the racial purity of those who identify themselves as Jews. This is not meant to cast dispersion on anyone calling themselves a Jew. God loves ones called *Jews* just as He loves the whole world. It is simply meant to add some clarity to the *modern* meaning of the word *Jew*. Surely, there are some in the world today that trace back to Judah and are bonafide descendants of Judah.

However, as Christians, we must be broken of a mindset that has been instilled in us by erroneous teaching on modern Israel and the Jew that says they have a special relationship with God because of their bloodline. The only blood that counts is the blood of the Lamb of God that was shed for the sin of the world. The only circumcision that counts is the circumcision of the heart. The only law that counts is the law written on hearts by the Lord Himself. The only righteousness that counts is the righteousness which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith.

Further, we need to be reminded that the religious Jew that holds to Judaism is holding to something that has been made obsolete. The Old Covenant has passed away. They need to be encouraged to come outside the camp to Christ. According to God's word, as long as Jews, natural or otherwise, reject Christ, they are a synagogue of Satan. Consider Jesus' word to the ecclesias in Smyrna, the "bitter" ecclesia from 64 to 313 AD, and in Philadelphia, the "brotherly love" ecclesia from 1776 to 1914 AD.

(2:9) 'I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.' ... (3:9) 'Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you.' (Revelation 2:9; 3:9 NASB)

One claiming to be a Jew who declares that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is his Father and yet rejects Jesus, the Son of God and the Christ, is a liar. May the eyes of their heart be opened soon!