

Q: Who is James writing to?

A: To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad - **James 1:1**

No place in **James 1:1** is found the word "Jew". The 12 Tribes are ALL 12 Tribes of Israel - scattered abroad. For one to assume that this refers to only Jewish people today is ignorance. The time of the regathering will bring all 12 tribes back to the land of Israel - not just those today known as Jews.

Judah is the "Jews" - the Southern House of Israel. The word "Jew" is most likely a derogatory war time term pinned to the Southern House of Israel by those they were at war with - the Northern house of Israel. The first time the word "Jew" appears in the Torah is when they are at war with Israel!

2 Kings 16:6 At that time Rezin king of Syria... drove **the Jews** from Elath... **7** So Ahaz sent messengers to the king of Assyria, saying, I am thy servant... save me out of the hand of **the king of Israel**,...

The Term "Jew" was never applied to Northern House Israelites - except to a small minority that came from the Northern House to join themselves with the Southern House. The Term "Jew" does not apply to the Northern House of Israel and never has. The soon regathering of Israel will include ALL of Israel - prophesied to include BOTH "Israel" AND "Judah" - BOTH Houses of Israel.

The Northern House of Israel has been called the "10 lost Tribes". This isn't totally correct - as the Assyrian invasion that removed the Northern House covered all of the land of Israel - even taking captives from all the unwalled cities of southern Judah. The "10 lost Tribes" includes members from all 12 Tribes that have lost their Israelite identity today. Many of these people today are Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Muslims and even Atheists & Druids found all over the world.

Those from outside the 12 Tribes of Israel have always been allowed to become Israelites - living by Torah - keeping covenant with God. Ruth is the perfect example of this. Those of all other nations that **refuse** to live by Gods Word are **not allowed** to keep covenant with God, keeping them from becoming part of Israel.

The word "Israel" comes from the primary Hebrew root word 'Yashar' that means - "Straight, Upright". To truly be an Israelite is to be "Straight - walking in the way of God".

Yeshua (Jesus) said it best:

Matthew 12:47 Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You.

48 But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "**Who is My mother and who are My brothers?**"

50 "**For whoever DOES the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.**"

This is why James says "faith by itself, if it does not have works, is **DEAD**." To come into covenant with God requires Faith **AND** Works... You must both **Hear** (**believe Gods Word**) and **Do** (**Live Gods way**)

Deuteronomy 5:27 `You go near and hear all that the Lord our God may say, and tell us all that the Lord our God says to you, **and we will hear and do it.**'