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WHAT IS AN ISRAELITE?

(The 12 Tribes)

According to Strongs concordance KJV (3478) "Israelite" means: he will rule as God.

The Lord constantly confirmed this covenant with Israel throughout the scriptures. As time plays out Israel again appears in the scene (Revelations 7). Here an Angel refers to those twelve tribes. God states again that they are to come together as a "Sealed" number before the tribulation martyrdom timing can take place. These people come from a long time ago. Who are they? How can you recognize them, and where have they been for so many centuries?

Let's examine the scriptures to see if they can still, in fact, be recognized by that covenant that they received so long ago.

Again, **Who are they** and, **What are they?**

By the **scriptures**:

1. An Israelite is a **numbered people**.
2. An Israelite is discribed as being of the covenant to the seed of Abraham.
3. An Israelite has a **covenant** with God.
(The "gifts, and calling" of God are without repentance).
4. What are the rules of this covenant?
(Laws pertaining to:) See the first 5 books.
 - A. Becoming an Israelite.
 - a. To enter the Covenant. (through Circumcision or Baptism)
 - b. To enter a Tribe. (by Birth,or Choice)
 - B. Exiting (Leaving) Israel. (Losing status)
(Laws pertaining to:) See the first 5 books.

Simply put, you, the individual, either **Qualify** yourself, or **Disqualify** yourself. In this case, there is nothing new about "whosoever will may come". The covenant constantly deals with the "stranger" having the same opportunity as the one that is a born Israelite. Whoever these people are, they reappear in the every end of the "Grace" period, just before the Tribulation time begins, and that's a stated fact.

The only way to recognize an Israelite is by comparing there behavior to steps of the stated covenant. That covenant is simply the "laws" of God found in the first five books of the old testament. In those days if you didn't walk in that behavior pattern you were out. It hasn't changed. No where does it say there is another definition of an Israelite. However, because of pollution, sin, and

corruption the Priesthood of the old Testament has been taken over by Jesus, the Son of God. He is a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec (Gen. 14, and Hebrews 6, and 7), and in Hebrews 9 Paul explains the portion of the Law that Jesus has assumed for us. (law of atonement). Jesus, in fact, has become the very "law of atonement" for us. For it is by His life's blood that we find our forgiveness, cleansing, and rebirth.

However, it is by the Laws of right and wrong, that we are judged to be walking within that covenant that He gave to Israel. So on we go with the list.

The "Ten Commandments".

All of the Laws covering our relationship between us and God.

All of the Laws dealing with our relationship with our fellow man.

The Feast days with all of their guidelines. Remember, we are not talking about accepting Jesus only. We are talking about being an "Israelite".

Laying the land to rest on the 7th year, canceling debts on the 7th year, releasing the servants on the 7th year, and reading the Law out loud during that year in the 7th month. Observing the Jubilee rules. This and much more explain the covenant that God gave to Israel. Not many ever really accepted it. Not many care to learn it. Nonetheless, it stands as a mark of those (in our time) that will be among the "sealed" of the 144,000. Twelve thousand from each tribe. They are identified in Revelation chapter 12:17, and again in 14:12 as those who have the testimony of Jesus, and who keep the commandments of God. That puts it very simple, doesn't it?

Now tell me true, how many do you know really that do that? Those who do, and are walking as "Israelites", He says, will be sealed before those "winds" are turned loose.

An outsider, (stranger) can pick his tribe and enter in. Back there, and today, there is no difference. An ISRAELITE has a covenant to walk in, and it is rehearsed in the Scriptures. That group in Revelations will be there!