

# WHO ARE THE ISRAELITES?

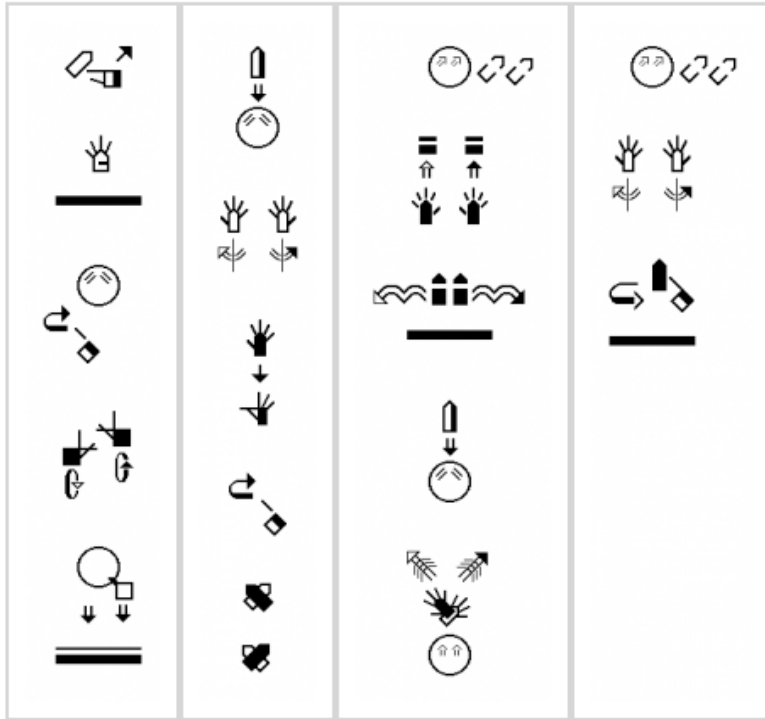
Romans 9:1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, 2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. This parallels our sorrow for those that have not accepted Christ.

			<p><b>1 With Christ as my witness, I speak with utter truthfulness. My conscience and the Holy Spirit confirm it.</b></p> <p><b>2 My heart is filled with bitter sorrow and unending grief</b></p> <p><small>* alternate signs</small></p>		
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**3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:**

					<p><b>3 for my people, my Jewish brothers and sisters. I would be willing to be forever cursed -- cut off from Christ! -- if that would save them.</b></p> <p><u>What would you give to see your family saved?</u></p>
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**4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;**

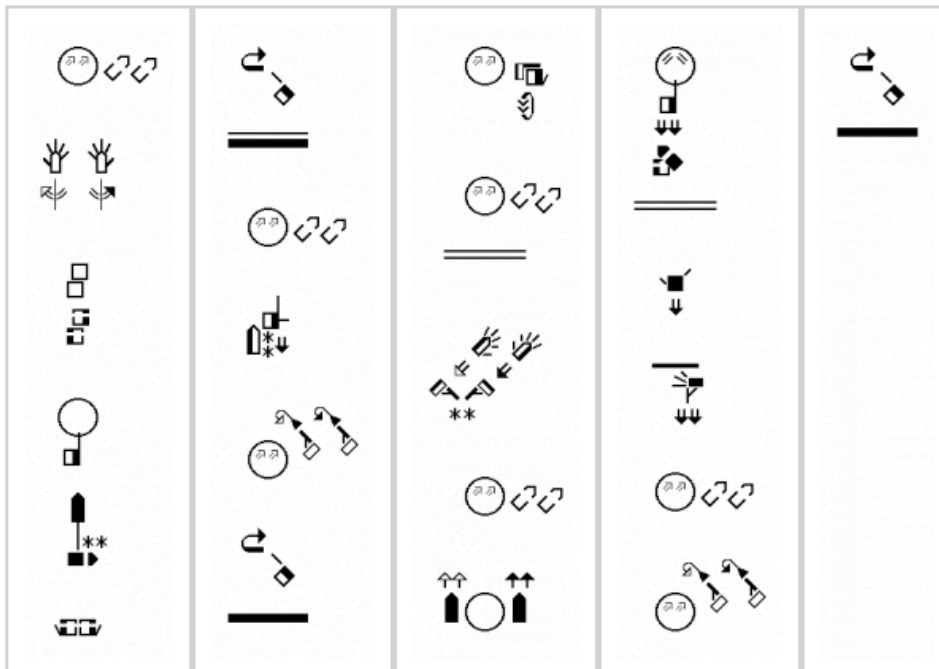


**4 a,b They are the people of Israel, chosen to be God's adopted children. God revealed his glory to them.**

The benefits of the Israelites

- Ge. 32:28 Princes
- Je. 31:9 Family
- Ex. 13:22 The Cloud
- De. 29:1 The Covenants
- De. 4:13 The Law
- The service
- The promises

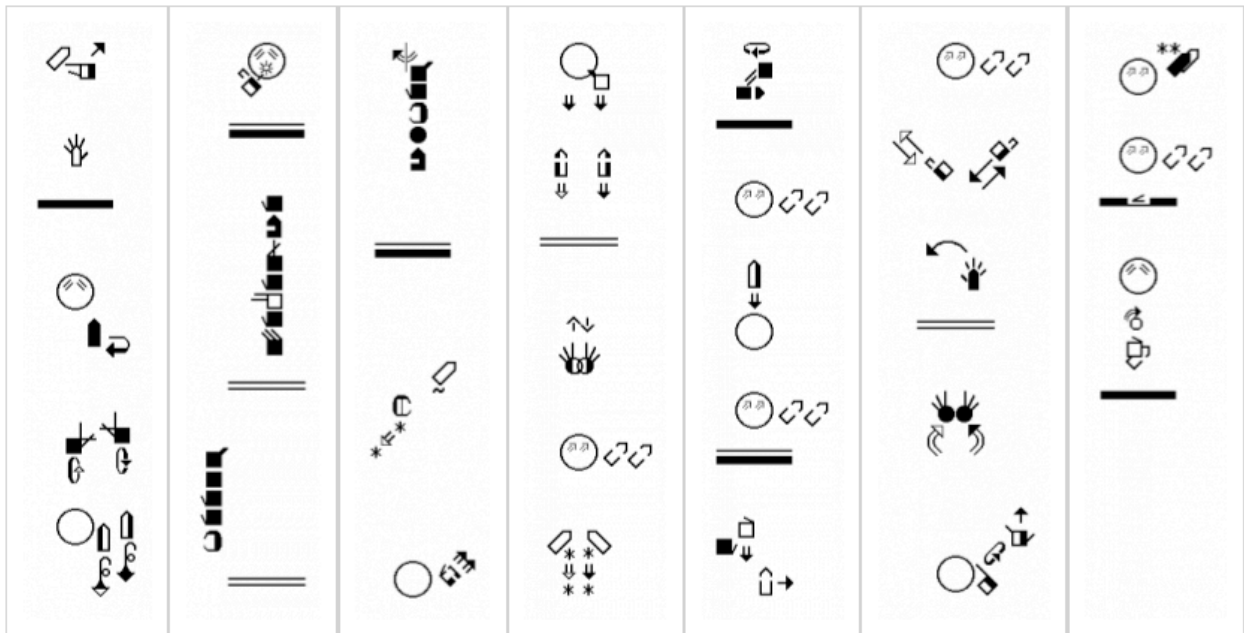
A large part of the Bible is about the Israelites.



**c, d He made covenants with them and gave them his law. He gave them the privilege of worshiping him and receiving his wonderful promises.**

The Israelites were God's own chosen children, the people he had blessed more than any other people. They were, for the most part not going to be saved.

**5 Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.**



**5 Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are their ancestors, and Christ himself was an Israelite as far as his human nature is concerned. And he is God, the one who rules over everything and is worthy of eternal praise! Amen.**

And the reason for their condemnation was their rejection of Jesus Christ, the only possible Savior.

John 5:22	The Judge	
Matthew 28:18	All power and authority	WHO IS JESUS CHRIST.
Acts 10:36	Lord of all	
Col. 1:16	The Creator	
John 1:1	God, the Word	

People are not going to be saved for one reason: their refusal to accept Jesus Christ as the only way. (Acts 4:12)

(III.) Imagine someone in an emergency situation refusing to use the only means possible to save them. That person does not realize his precarious predicament, he doesn't know it is possible to be saved, or he is relying on some other resource. It is our duty to inform people that they are in an emergency situation and that the only way to be saved is through Jesus Christ.