

Jesus lives forever and intercedes on our behalf!  
Jesus (not surprisingly) is the answer to Job's prayer!

**Noah** was not a Hebrew, but God saved humanity through him.

*"These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God."* (Genesis 6:9)

*"And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;"* (2 Peter 2:5)

God saw Noah as a righteous man, but wickedness was all around him. In the face of the vile thoughts and actions of others, Noah remained faithful to God. In the New Testament, Peter writes that Noah was a preacher of righteousness.

*"These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread."* (Genesis 9:19)

God used Noah and his sons to save humanity from complete destruction.

**Melchizedek** was not a Hebrew, but Jesus' High Priesthood was eternally patterned after that of Melchizedek. God's Word says the following:

*"Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."* (Hebrews 6:20)

Melchizedek could not have been a Hebrew as recorded in the Bible. He was a contemporary of Abraham (the first Hebrew). Interestingly, the Bible tells us that Melchizedek was more significant than Abraham.

*"Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils."* (Hebrews 7:4)  
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#### God's Plans After Christ's Resurrection

*"There is **neither Jew nor Greek**, there is neither*

*bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."* (Galatians 3:28)

*"Where there is **neither Greek nor Jew**, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all."* (Colossians 3:11)

*"Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;"* (Ephesians 2:15)

Once Jesus said, "**It is FINISHED**" and shortly after rose from the grave, God's plans are now (and have always been) entirely about Jesus! In Christ, there is neither Jew nor Gentile!

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#### Conclusion

At this point, it should be clear that God had plans for mankind before the existence of any Hebrews. Adam, Enoch, Methuselah, Job, Noah, Melchizedek, and many others were all integral parts of God's purposes for people.

Thus, it is short-sighted and out of balance to elevate Hebraism to being the root of all of God's plans. Yes indeed! Jews are critical to the plans and purposes of God, and they should NEVER be denigrated. Hebrews are not the sole players in His plans and should not be idolized.

God is not a respecter of persons, and the Hebrew Roots movement elevates Jews and Judaism to a position of superiority over all. While most would never say it, in truth and practice, **the Hebraic Roots movement elevates Jewishness over Jesus Himself.**

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# God Had Plans Before Any Hebrews Existed

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#### False Beliefs Of The Hebrew Roots

Among the many false notions concerning the Hebrew Roots movement is the concept that Hebraism is the onset of God's plans. The thinking is that everything God does (or has done) can be traced back to Jewish people. Adherents to this doctrine appear to believe that God had no plans before there were any Hebrews.

Is this what the Bible teaches? Is it a correct theory that God's plans were initiated with Hebrew people? This writing will examine some of what the Scriptures teach about this idea. We need a working definition of a "Hebrew" to conduct our research.

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#### What Is A Hebrew

The first person in the Bible identified as a Hebrew is Abram (later named Abraham). The following Scripture is the initial reference to a Hebrew in the Bible.

*"And there came one that had escaped, and told **Abram the Hebrew**; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram."* (Genesis 14:13)

Therefore, sound doctrine (built upon the Scriptures) defines **Hebrews as descendants of Abraham**. The fact that God promised to make a great nation from Abraham shortly before calling him a Hebrew further validates that the Hebrew people are from the lineage of Abraham.

*"Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy*

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*father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: (2) And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: (3) And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.” (Genesis 12:1-3)*

A point of clarification: being a Hebrew does not necessarily mean being a Jew. Being Jewish does mean you are a Hebrew.

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### **What Is A Jew**

There is some debate as to who the first Jewish person was. This confusion is because the word Jew does not appear in the Bible until the Book of 2 Kings and is commonly used in Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.

Suffice it to say that the question of who the first Jewish person was depends on what is meant by the question. **Abraham** is the answer if you are wondering who the **first Hebrew** was. If the **first Israelite** is what you are looking for, then **Jacob** is the answer (God changed his name from Jacob to Israel.) **Jews** can also be considered as those from the **tribe of Judah**, in which case **Judah** would be the first Jew.

For purposes of this writing, we will consider Abraham as the initial Hebrew and search the Scriptures before Abraham to determine if God's plans pre-dated the existence of the Hebrew people.

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### **Did God Have Any Plans Before Abraham**

The Hebrew Roots movement insists that everything God did, is doing, or will do revolves around the Hebrew people.

**Adam** was not a Hebrew, but God gave the first promise of the Messiah to Adam and Eve.

God is infinite and eternal; therefore, His plans extend to all of eternity past. Within the confines of human history, we see that God's plans included

Adam.

After the Fall of humanity in the Garden of Eden, God pronounced curses upon Adam, Eve, and the serpent (Satan). Immediately following cursing the serpent, God says the following (which most conservative scholars believe to be the first Messianic promise):

*“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” (Genesis 3:15)*

God tells Satan that the seed of the woman (prophetic of the coming of Jesus) will bruise Satan's seed. Satan's seed can refer to Satan himself and those who reject the Messiah and are under the devil's domain.

**Enoch** and **Methuselah** were not Hebrews, but they were godly men, and God had plans for them.

*“And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.” (Genesis 5:24)*

Enoch had such an intimate walk with God that he was "translated." He walked with God, and then he ceased existence on earth. The Bible tells us that Enoch pleased God. We learn a bit more about Enoch in the following verse:

*“By faith **Enoch was translated that he should not see death**; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.” (Hebrews 11:5)*

Enoch was so pleasing to God that God transported him from earth into the Presence of God. Enoch had a brief life span of only 365 years, this was a short life compared to others of his day.

Methuselah was not a Hebrew but lived longer than anyone else recorded in the Bible.

*“And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.” (Genesis 5:27)*

Enoch lived for three hundred years after Methuselah was born and assuredly was an example of godliness and intimacy with God. Methuselah would have lived a long life of devotion to God.

**Job** was not a Hebrew, but God boasted that there was no one like him in all the land.

*“The Lord said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil.” (Job 1:8 NASB)*

There are not many people in the Bible that God brags about, but Job was one of them!

Many conservative scholars believe Job was the first Book of the Bible written. There are several reasons to suspect Job to be the earliest Scripture written, including (but not limited to) the following:

- \* In Job, there is no mention of Abraham or his interactions with God.
- \* There is no mention of Hebrew people.
- \* Likewise, there is no reference to the Law of Moses.

God indeed had plans for Job. The Book of Job includes a powerful desire on Job's part, which is prophetic of the Messiah. Job says:

*“For He is not a man as I am that I may answer Him, That we may go to court together. (33) There is no umpire between us, Who may lay his hand upon us both.” (Job 9:32-33)*

Job is speaking of his dilemma; he wants to plead his case before God, but he has no "lawyer," no umpire, no go-between Who is qualified to lay His hands on both God and Job.

### **Job is crying out for Jesus!**

Think about it. Jesus is both God and man. Jesus is perfect and can stand before God and man to intercede on our behalf. Consider this Scripture (and many others):

*“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.” (Hebrews 7:25)*