

AN ESSENTIAL "KEY" TO OPEN UP THE MEANINGS OF THE BIBLE IS TO FULLY UNDERSTAND GOD'S USE OF LITERAL ISRAEL TO PICTURE HIS CHURCH. THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF CHART PARTIALLY COVERING THAT PICTURE.

God's order is ALWAYS NATURAL FIRST, then the SPIRITUAL which it pictured (1Corinthians 15:44-49).

LITERAL ISRAEL		SPIRITUAL "ISRAEL"	
<p><i>Genesis 46:3</i> <i>Romans 9:6</i></p>	<p>A LITERAL nation consisting of the "seeds" (multiple offspring) of Abraham, through Isaac and Jacob. THE MAJORITY of these people WERE NOT truly "ISRAEL" in the SPIRITUAL SENSE (not genuine "children of God").</p>	<p>A SPIRITUAL (i.e. "Holy") NATION consisting of those who are spiritually IN Jesus Christ. HE IS THE "SEED" of Abraham that was promised.</p> <p>Even God's TRUE people AMONGST the Old Testament LITERAL NATION were a part of THIS GROUP!</p>	<p><i>1 Peter 2:9</i> <i>Galatians 3:16-29</i></p>
<p><i>Acts 7:8</i> <i>Genesis 17:10-27</i> <i>Genesis 34:15-24</i> <i>Leviticus 12:3</i> <i>Joshua 5:3-7</i></p>	<p>LITERAL, PHYSICAL circumcision was given to them as a SIGN of the covenant God made with Abraham</p>	<p>Literal circumcision DOES NOTHING for anyone SPIRITUALLY! Therefore, circumcision of the HEART (spirit) is required in order to be a part of THIS NATION!</p> <p>Philippians 3:3 (see context) "For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have NO CONFIDENCE in the flesh".</p> <p>Colossians 2:11 "In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ".</p>	<p><i>Romans 2:28-29</i> <i>Deuteronomy 10:16 and 30:6</i> <i>1 Corinthians 7:18</i> <i>Galatians 5:1-6</i> <i>Romans 4:9-11</i></p>
<p><i>Genesis 49</i></p>	<p>12 different TRIBES making up ONE NATION. Genesis 49 gives some LITERAL PROPHECIES concerning the LITERAL TRIBES.</p>	<p>12 different stages of spiritual GROWTH make up the COMPLETE spiritual nation of God's New Testament people. Sadly, most Christians today are NOT EVEN "BORN" YET!</p>	<p>MANY symbolic pictures in Revelation 7 and 21</p>