

Differences Between Samaritan-Israelites and Jews

of their Religious Beliefs

The Samaritan-Israelites are the descendents of the northern kingdom of Israel and are not Jewish. The Jews are the descendents from reign of the southern kingdom of Judea. Both are of Israelite ancestry.

The Samaritan-Israelites have much in common with the Jewish people yet many beliefs have their differences. An example; a Samaritan-Israelite must follow the Torah, or be expelled from the community while the Jewish people have many divisions of religious zeal.

Samaritan-Israelites

1. Remnant of the **northern** kingdom of Israel
2. Small in **number** (under 700 souls)
3. One level of **religious** belief
4. Only **live** in the land of Israel
5. Patrilineal **lineage** (child of father)
6. **Mount Gerizim** is the center of worship
7. **Prayers** made facing Mount Gerizim
8. **Torah** is the only Holy Scripture
9. The Samaritans have their own **Torah**
10. **Torah** is mostly in the Ancient Hebrew script
11. **Authority** of Torah is the Levite Priests
12. Complete list of **High Priesthood** of Pinhas
13. Torah not **supplemented**
14. Ten **Commandments**
15. Scripture has **altar** built on Mount Gerizim
16. Scripture has, '**mount** I have chosen'

Jewish-Israelites

1. Followers of the **southern** kingdom of Judah
2. Millions in **number**
3. Many levels of **religious** beliefs
4. **Live** around the world
5. Matrilineal **lineage** (child of mother)
6. **Jerusalem** is the center of worship
7. **Prayers** made facing Jerusalem
8. **Torah** and Old Testament is Holy Scripture
9. The Jewish people have their own **Torah**
10. **Torah**- uses Babylonian square Hebrew script
11. **Authority** of Torah is the Rabbis
12. Incomplete list of **High Priesthood** of Pinhas
13. Torah is **supplemented**
14. Nine **Commandments**
15. Scripture has **altar** built on Mount Ebal
16. Scripture has, '**mount** I will choose'
17. The **Messiah**, will come from the tribe of Judah
18. **Calendar** reckoning using lunar only
19. Buys factory **matzos** (unleavened Bread)
20. Does not have a **Passover Sacrifice**
21. Do **celebrate** Purim or Hanukkah

17. **Messiah**, called Taheb, from sons of Joseph or Levi
18. **Calendar** reckoning using lunar and solar
19. Makes and bakes **matzos** (unleavened Bread)
20. Actually has a **Passover Sacrifice**
21. Do not **celebrate** Purim or Hanukkah
22. Counting of **Omer** starts the day after Passover
23. Do not eat or drink when **fasting**
24. Do not light **candles** on the Sabbath
25. Samaritans do not have **sex** on the Sabbath
26. Does not wears **head cover** all the time
27. Do not wear **Tefillin** as the Jews interpret it
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22. Counting of **Omer** starts day after the Sabbath after Passover
23. Do not eat when **fasting**
24. Jews will have **sex** on the Sabbath
25. Do light **candles** on the Sabbath
26. **Head cover** worn most of the time (orthodox)
27. Wear **Tefillin** (Orthodox)
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