

## Jews Hebrews and Semites

**Definition – Jew or Jewish people** are members of an ethnoreligious group and a nation originating from the Israelites and Hebrews of historical Israel and Judah. Jewish ethnicity, nationhood, and religion are strongly interrelated, as Judaism is the ethnic religion of the Jewish people, although its observance varies from strict to none. - Wikipedia

**Definition – *Hebrews* and *Hebrew people*** are mostly taken as synonymous with the Semitic-speaking Israelites, especially in the pre-monarchic period when they were still nomadic. However, in some instances it may also be used in a wider sense, referring to the Phoenicians, or to other ancient groups, such as the group known as Shasu of Yhw on the eve of the Bronze Age collapse, which, although not an ethnonym, appears 34 times within 32 verses of the Hebrew Bible. - Wikipedia

**Hebrew**, any member of an ancient nomadic northern Semitic people some of whom were the ancestors of the Jews.

**Definition – Semites or Semitic people** are members of any of a number of ancient nomadic peoples who spoke related languages and lived in southwestern Asia including the Akkadians, Phoenicians, Hebrews, and Arabs and the descendants of these peoples.