

Judæo-Christianity

The term Judæo-Christianity, in this work, is almost exclusively used in reference to the early Christian church's beliefs and practices as recorded in the Bible.¹ To the reader progressing through this study, it will become clear exactly what those beliefs and practices were, and how they are sustained and kept today.

It is well known that Jesus was a Judæan, living, variously, in Judæa and Samaria, and born of the tribe of Judah. That said, the New Testament points up a matter which is apposite. The Greek word translated '*Jew*' in the New Testament² is, more correctly, '*Judæan*' or '*of Judah*,' and imports the sense of belonging to a country or territory, not one in connection with a specific religious belief. There is, however, a Greek word that does import the meaning of the religious belief of the Pharisees, etc., in the first century, and, by implication, the various religious beliefs which derived from it, collectively known as '*Judaism*.'³ It is used very sparingly in the New Testament where it is mentioned but twice,⁴ both times correctly translated in the K.J.V. as the '*Jews*' religion.⁵

Judæo-, in Judæo-Christianity, therefore, refers to the root connection of Christianity through the region of Judea / Palestine and the events at the time of Christ, together with numerous events thereanent, which, in turn, link it to the religious beliefs and practices of the Old Testament,⁶ and *not* to the religious beliefs of some of the local people of the time—beliefs that loosely constituted a system which, over the centuries, developed and transmuted from early Pharaseeism to later full-blown Orthodox Judaism and its '*Judaism-lite*' variants.

Turn now to 'Summary Statement of Beliefs,' then read *Volvitur*.

¹ 'Judæo-' does not refer to the religious belief system known as Judaism, in any of its guises, q.v. inf.; the term also encompasses much end-time eschatological research, almost all of which is excitingly new and very specific, q.v. inf.

² Greek: ioudaios.

³ Greek: ioudaismos.

⁴ Gal 1:13,14

⁵ any form of Christianity claiming to arise out of Judaism—an oxymoron, if ever there were one!—would, presumably, be termed Judæsmo-Christianity.

⁶ save for the Old Testament substitutionary sacrificial system.