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With regards to the naming of the Jews as being “Yahood”, Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹ states:

The Yahooodee – he is one who ascribes himself to the Sharee’ah of Moosaa (عليه السلام)².

And they are given this name due to His saying, He the Most High:

Surely we have hudnaa (turned) to You.

[Soorah al A’raaf (the 7th chapter) aayah 156]

Meaning – we have returned.

Or because their forefather’s name was Yahoodhaa ibn Ya’qoob, so the naming (here) would be on account of lineage.

And in the first case, the naming would be on the basis of an action.

And it is not farfetched (to say) that the (naming) be due to both of these (reasons) together.

(Al qawl ul mufeed (2/228) of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ))

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (عليه السلام) (alaihi-salaam) Peace be upon him