

## **“THE ELITE GENTILE!”**

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Since I was born-from-Above at age 13, I have made it my daily habit to read thru the Bible, chapter by chapter before breakfast. The place of the children of Jacob, renamed Israel, is obvious and primary but what about us Gentiles? How do we fit in? So stick with me as we search the Bible to find out, beginning with Passover in Exodus as that is the time when Israel becomes separate from the rest of mankind.

In the Tanakh there are five Hebrew words that refer to the 5 types of Gentiles, the Zar, Nekar, Nokri, Toshav and the Ger. The Ger is the Elite Gentile as I will seek to show you in this study and is also the God Fearer, who became part of the nation of Israel as Gentiles without any conversion to Judaism, although they are as Torah observant as any faithful Israeli is expected to be. They are not proselytes either, as that is a Newer Testament designation not found in the Tanakh.

Exodus 12:19 is the first significant use of Ger: For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner (Ger) or a native of the land. This clearly shows that the Ger and the native Israeli make up the Congregation of Israel. None of the other 4 types of Gentiles have this privilege although some of them are in the area, such as the Nekar in Exodus 12:43. And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the statute of the Passover: no foreigner (Nekar) shall eat of it. Exodus 12:45 shows that the Toshav also is barred from celebrating the Passover. No foreigner (Toshav) or hired servant may eat of it. No offer, no invitation is given.

However, the Ger is invited to the Passover provided that he is circumcised. Exodus 12:48-49. If a stranger (Ger) shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it. There shall be one law (Torah) for the native and for the stranger (Ger) who sojourns among you." This is the usual statement for the Elite Gentile!!!

Again we see the Ger as an integral part of Israel in contrast to the other 4 types of Gentiles. There are many such statements in the Torah, such as Leviticus 20:2. "Say to the people of Israel, Any one of the people of Israel or of the strangers (Ger) who sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones.

Israel is not going to be the Torah policeman for all the people around but only for themselves which always includes the strangers (Ger) who sojourn in Israel.

Circumcision for a Gentile in the Torah has nothing to do with conversion or becoming a proselyte but simply makes the Gentile “kosher” or acceptable while staying a Gentile. However, in the Newer Testament with the Rabbis pushing conversion circumcision, circumcision is not required as in the case of Cornelius and actually forbidden. Galatians 5:2-4, 6. Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. I testify again to every man who accepts

circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.....For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

In Isaiah's time, God makes an offer to the Nekar, maybe as a representative Gentile since God is open to all mankind. Isaiah 56:6-7. "And the foreigners (Nekar) who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant-- these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." However, I find no evidence that the Nekar or any of the other 3 types of Gentiles responds to God's offer.

Circumcision is not mentioned above for the Nekar, but it could be included in God's covenant, but notice how important Shabbat is to God, which to Him might be more important than circumcision!!

I have already shown that the Ger is part of the Congregation of the LORD and is also called the God Fearers or those who fear the LORD. Four Psalms bring this out very clearly. The first is Psalm 22:22-23. I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation (Kahal) I will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! The underlined are what make up the Kahal.

Another significant fact is that the usual word for Congregation is Kahal, which is translated as Ekklesia in the LXX or Septuagint, the exact same word that in the Newer Testament is wrongly made as "church." This is not a translation but a deliberate change to promote the anti-Semitic agenda that some "church" has replaced Israel!! Check any good English Dictionary and you will find that "church" comes from the Greek word Kuriakon, a pagan temple, as all pagan gods and goddesses were called kurios (Lord) so and so.

Years ago, however, I was not fooled by this Replacement Theology, although I had not heard the term then. I came across Acts 7:38, This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sinai..... If the "church" was in the wilderness with Moses, then there is something wrong in the use of this word, telling us that this "church" began in Acts 2. Further, I came across Hebrews 2:12, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.... which is a direct quote of Psalm 22:22, where the word is congregation, Kahal in Hebrew and Ekklesia in the LXX.

Three more Psalms show the groups that make up the Kahal of Israel, Psalms 115:9-13, 118:2-4: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever," and 135:19-20. Clearly there are 3 parts to the Kahal of Israel: Israel = the 12 Tribes, Aaron = Tribe of Levi, and the Ger = those who fear the LORD, the forever approved Gentile part.

It seems that in the Tanakh, the Ger is not given any land but works to earn his living and sometimes can become rich. However, in the Kingdom as we consider Ezekiel 44-48, we have a pleasant surprise

and blessing!! Ezekiel 47:21-23. "So you shall divide this land among you according to the tribes of Israel. You shall allot it as an inheritance for yourselves and for the sojourners (Ger) who reside among you and have had children among you. They shall be to you as native-born children of Israel. With you they shall be allotted an inheritance among the tribes of Israel. In whatever tribe the sojourner resides, there you shall assign him his inheritance, declares the Lord GOD.

There is one more illustration that we need to examine, the Good Olive Tree of Romans 11. What is the benefit of being in the Good Olive Tree?? And before that, what is the Good Olive Tree since it is used as a figure of speech for something else. Is it used as a figure for Israel, like the fig tree? No, not really, even tho the Emblem for Israel is a Menorah between two olive branches.

The Good Olive Tree is holy, the branches are fed from the holy root and therefore branches are holy, also. Some Jewish branches are broken off because of unbelief but if they change to believe, God will graft them back in again. This is very different from other places when the unbeliever is cast out into outer darkness or the lake of fire, from which there is no return. So, can we conclude that the Jewish person fully qualifies on the basis of Torah observance but balks at believing in Yeshua, and therefore not yet Saved or born-from-Above?

The Gentile branch leaves behind his pagan wild olive tree and becomes a God Fearer, the Ger that is fully Torah observant, and has been linked with Israel ever since leaving Egypt. He is also a born-from-Above believer in Yeshua.

I will now venture a guess that the Good Olive Tree represents God's real Family, walking together with Yeshua in full agreement with His Word.

Now comes the bombshell – Christians, church people are NOT in God's Good Olive Tree because they are not in agreement with God, insulting Him by meeting on Sunday, ignoring the Torah, some anti-Israel and even anti-Semitic. Some may be Saved, born-from-Above believers in Yeshua but far from walking with Him. Review 1 John 2:3-4 and more. "Can two walk together unless they are agreed?" Amos 3:3.

Summary: the Elite Gentile among the Gentiles of the world is the Ger, the God Fearer who lives among the Tribes of Israel, keeping Torah as expected of every faithful Israeli. He is to be treated as "one born in the land, as a native," but does not have land in this life but will inherit land in the next life, within the Tribes of Israel. He is the Gentile branch in God's Good Olive Tree.

We would assume that Messianic Jews would know this and would gladly welcome God Fearers on an equal basis the same as God does, but the reality is that nearly all Messianic Jewish organizations and congregations consider us as not their equals. Associate Membership is available but they would prefer that we not apply. And of course all non-Messianic Jewish groups would advise God Fearers to just practice the so-called Noahide Laws unless they want to convert to their brand of Judaism. Immigration to Israel would be a bit challenging as the government agencies of Israel have no clue about what their Tanakh teaches.

Therefore, we God Fearers in the Far East have banded together for mutual help, encouragement and teaching in the Asia Pacific Messianic Fellowship!! We intend to fulfill our Calling and responsibility before God independently of any and all alliances with those who do not understand nor accept our God-given status. As Israel was Called to be a light to the nations, we also intend and hope to be a shining light to those around us, as Ambassadors for Yeshua HaMashiach, The Light of the world, our Savior, Redeemer, Son of God and our Friend!!