



# WHO ARE YHWH'S CHOSEN PEOPLE?

*“For thou art an holy people unto YHWH thy Elohim: YHWH thy Elohim hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth,” Deu 7:6.*

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**A**sk almost any believer in the Jewish Messiah who the chosen people are and you will be told they are the Jews. How many times have you heard the phrase “*I will bless them that bless you and curse them that curse you*”? And here again, most people will say that this pertains to the Jews. But, is this entirely true? “*For thou art an holy people unto YHWH thy ELOHIM, and YHWH hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth,*” **Deu 14:2**.

This was spoken to Israel 3 months after the children of Israel and a mixed multitude came out of Egypt. Moses had just gone up to meet with YHWH upon Mt Sinai and received a marriage proposal for Israel from YHWH described in Exo. 19:3-9. The written contract called a “ketubah” was burned into 2 stone tablets by the finger of Elohim. These are commonly known as the Ten Words or Ten Commandments. If Israel would keep His covenant and obey all His commandments, they would become a kingdom of priests and a set apart (kadosh) nation to Him.

The thing I want to point out here is that the marriage proposal was made with ALL of Israel, not only Judah.

Peter refers to this chosen generation, royal priesthood and set apart nation, “*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of Elohim: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy,*” 1 Pet. 2:9-10.

“Generation” in Greek is “genos” Strong’s # 1085. Thayer’s Greek definitions translates it this way: 1) Kindred; 1a offspring; 1b family; 1c stock,

tribe, nation.

Now, if we look at who Peter is talking about, we will find he is quoting from **Hosea 1:6-10, 23** which is speaking of Israel, the 10 tribes of the Northern kingdom. These are returning Israelites (gentiles) who had been in exile for over 700 years at that time, “*And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my Elohim,*” Hos. 2:23.

Paul also described the same group of people, he also is quoting from Hosea, “*Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? As he saith also in Hosea, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.*”

And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living Elohim. Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved,” Ro. 9:24-27.

He is equating the gentiles with the returning **House of Israel, the 10 tribes** that were scattered into all of the world. These same people were described in Zecariah 10:6, “*And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am YHWH their Elohim, and will hear them.*”

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2700 years ago. They are the Lo-ami (not a people) and the Lo-rumahah (no mercy) of Hos. 1:6-10. They will be re-gathered in the end of time by Yahshua as per the Two Stick Prophecy of Eze. 37 and many others. The thing to notice in this scripture is that it speaks of the **House of Judah and the House of Joseph**. These are the **two chosen families of Israel**.

The prophet Jeremiah writes, "Moreover the word of YHWH came to Jeremiah, saying, 'Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, **The two families YHWH hath chosen**, he hath even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them. Thus saith YHWH; If my covenant be not with day and night, **and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth**; Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, **so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them,**" 33:23-24.

Refer to Jer. 33:14 and you will see the two families He is speaking of is the house of Israel (house of Joseph) and Judah. Together they comprise the whole of Israel, all 12 tribes.

Most people don't really understand the magnitude of the blessing given by Elohim to Abraham. His blessing to Abraham was unconditional, it was a promise and would come to pass, "**And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**" Gen. 12:2-3.

According to Rav. Moshe Koniuchowsky in his *Restoration Scriptures*, the word "blessed" above is "Nivrechu" which not only means blessed, but also "mixed". All nations will have Abraham's seed mixed into their

populations. This happened when Israel went into world wide dispersion and became gentiles. The last half of verse 3 above literally reads "**Ve-nivrechu** bekah kol mishpachot hadamah".

Israel was scattered into all the nations because of their disobedience and breaking of the marriage contract with Elohim. But because of YHWH's promise to Abraham, all nations would be blessed and mixed with the seed of Abraham. Those chosen by YHWH, who heeded the call of the Rauch HaKadosh to come to a saving faith in Yahshua, the only begotten son of Elohim, will be re-gathered when the times of refreshing come. They are the chosen people, the Israel of YHWH.

## CONCLUSION

Scripture is very clear, the Jews are not the only chosen people of Elohim. YHWH's chosen people include **ALL of Israel**, not just Judah as is commonly thought and taught. All Israel is not Israel according to Paul in Rom. 9:6. You become Israel by in-grafting into the natural Olive tree of Israel by believing and trusting in Yahshua, the savior sent by Elohim. The Jews have to become Israel in the same way. (Rom. 11:23) Then truly, all of Israel will be saved.

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