

Lesson No. 26 – The Gentiles Exposed

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During our journey in presenting these Sabbath night Bible studies, we have looked at several subjects which needed Biblical clarification so that we might open our minds to understand what is written versus what has been often said about the MOST HIGH's WORD. These types of studies are very necessary for me because I readily accept that I am still a growing babe spiritually. The more I study, the more I realize just how much of a babe I truly am. There have been times in the past when I thought I had arrived, just to discover that I'm just departing on my journey towards understanding the richness of what has been provided to us

As I am continuing this journey, I am reminded every day of the following.

- 1Th 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all *men*. 1Th 5:15 See that none render evil for evil unto any *man*; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all *men*. 1Th 5:16 Rejoice evermore. 1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing. 1Th 5:18 In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1Th 5:19 Quench not the Spirit. 1Th 5:20 Despise not prophesyings.

If we stopped here, I think you would agree that the Apostle's words are a daily reminder to those of us seeking to grow in the MOST HIGH's will for each of us. But the Apostle doesn't stop there.

- 1Th 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

Everything that is presented to us should be proved, regardless of the source.

And remember, the primary scripture we studied last week, provided for our guidance of proof of all things.

- Isa 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them.

Ofttimes this scripture is read as a stand-alone verse during various teachings. However, I believe to get a true understanding of the Apostle's exhortation to his fellow "called out ones", we need to understand the full context.

- 1Th 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil. 1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1Th 5:24 Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*. 1Th 5:25 Brethren, pray for us. 1Th 5:26 Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.

Notice that it is HE that called us who also sanctifies us to be preserved unto the coming of YESHUA. Remember, it is the FATHER that draws us to YESHUA in the first place. Now notice something quite interesting from the Apostle.

- 1Th 5:27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren. 1Th 5:28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

The Apostle wanted this epistle (Greek word is epistole, which means "written message") read unto all the "called-out ones". And this is how we "prove all things".

Now in our last lesson, we looked into the concept of the law and the prophets having priority over the “Testimony”, and in doing so I also briefly spoke on a subject in which I need to correct myself. As I considered how to present my correction, I realized I needed to study this somewhat controversial subject amongst “called out ones”, to try and understand it better myself. And so, tonight we are looking at Lesson No. 26 – The Gentiles, Exposed.

Now I realize this is an ambitious study, but it needs to be understood. When having discussions with others on this subject, the typical definitions for gentiles are 1) non-Christians, 2) all nations other than Yisrael or 3) the descendants of Japheth, known to the world as Europeans or “white people”. For sure there may be others.

Perhaps like some of you, I have been locked into a certain direction on this subject, however I am learning how to “prove all things” according to the MOST HIGH’s WORD. The more I looked into this subject, the more I saw that possibly, all three of the definitions above may have contextual significance.

For some time, I have accepted the teaching of one of my favorite spiritual groups, which is that the gentiles are in fact the Europeans, the descendants of Japheth (Yapheth). The basis of this teaching primarily is founded on three scriptures.

- Gen 10:5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

According to the KJV, this is the first place in the Bible that references “the gentiles”, and is strictly referring to the sons of Japheth, from whence came the Europeans in the world. Now notice the Apostle Paul’s writings about his primary audience.

- Rom 11:13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

Here we have the Apostle Paul establishing the fact that he is the Apostle to the gentiles, which based on the Books that he wrote, are primarily written to Europeans. And finally.

- Luk 21:24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Here YESHUA is informing/prophesying to HIS disciples the events that will happen in the times of the end. Matthew shows a better context of this.

- Mat 24:1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to *him* for to shew him the buildings of the temple. Mat 24:2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. Mat 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

There are two issues we must notice here that will make more sense later in this study. First, YESHUA talks about the destruction of the temple, which we know happened in 70AD by the hands of the Romans, also descendants of Yapheth. Secondly, they ask YESHUA of the sign of HIS coming and the end of the world. We will see this develop as we proceed.

And these are what I believe to be the primary reasons for the establishment of the Europeans only as the gentiles. There are 2 types of Jews (Yehudans) that primarily live in Jerusalem (Yerushalaim).

These are the offspring of Esau (Edomites), and, the Europeans that have adopted Judaism, known as Quazarians (the larger of the 2 groups).

However, in our quest for Biblical understanding, we should not become so full that we don't leave room in our minds to accept new Biblical truths; i.e., as we begin to eat food rather than just drink milk. We will see that the 2nd use of the word gentiles in Luke 21:24 is referring to all the non-Israelite nations of the world.

So, with that background, let's take a walk through the scriptures to see what we can learn about the gentiles. Let's look at the very first instance of the word gentile in its context.

- Gen 10:1 Now these *are* the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

First, we see that this chapter is about all of the sons of Noah, from which every person that has lived after the flood is an offspring.

- Gen 10:2 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. Gen 10:3 And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. Gen 10:4 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. Gen 10:5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

Now, we need to establish certain Biblical facts before we proceed, that we have touched on before. The word Gentiles in verse 5 is the Hebrew word “goy or goyim” which means primarily “nations”. It is also translated heathen and gentiles. What we will see is that it is a matter of interpretation that has guided the translation of this word. In verse 5 we also see the word nations. Light bulb; the Hebrew word used for nations here is also “goy or goyim”. For me, I ask the question.

Why did the KJV translators use the word gentiles in the one instance and the word nations in the other? We will see a consistency in this as we look at other scriptures.

Now, verses 6 thru 19 present the sons of Ham. It concludes as follows.

- Gen 10:20 These *are* the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, *and* in their nations.

So, the language here is similar to what we saw in verse 5. Verses 21 thru 30 presents the sons of Shem and concludes as follows.

- Gen 10:31 These *are* the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

The language here is also similar to what we saw in verse 5. Now some could make the issue that the use of the translation gentile refers strictly to the isles of the nations, or gentiles, the sons of Japheth, being divided in their nations or lands; and I would agree if the KJV was consistent. The word nations in verses 20 and 31 is also “goy or goyim”. So, why aren’t the offspring of Ham and Shem also Gentiles? Let’s look at the conclusion of the chapter.

- Gen 10:32 These *are* the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

Both instances of the word nations used in this verse is “goy or goyim”, as was in verse 5. And so, to draw a conclusion from this chapter may be premature, at best. Verse 5 only shows that the sons of Yapheth dwelled in isles, and that it was by each name given that the isles of the nations out of Japheth was provided. So, we have to continue to read and study.

Now another point of emphasis. There are those who so believe in the KJV that when questioned, they resort to the tactic that no one knows the true Hebrew language. And this may be true. But what they misunderstand is that the KJV is ONLY a TRANSLATION, written in the year 1611 AD; which is only approximately 406 years ago. And, the manuscripts, be they Hebrew, Yiddish, or some other language, have been preserved. Those serious about understanding what was thus sayeth the MOST HIGH need only obtain a Strong's, Youngs, or some other exhaustive concordance to gain further understanding into what was translated by the translators of the KJV. When we look into the writings of the prophets, we see the following.

- Dan 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.
- Dan 12:8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things*? Dan 12:9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Dan 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

So, the question for each of is whether or not our true desire is to be wise in the MOST HIGH's WORD. We have been told that the words of the prophets would be sealed until the time of the end and knowledge would increase. It is up to us to seek out this knowledge and not resist when confronted by it. The next three instances of the word gentiles refer to Harosheth of the gentiles. These are found in Judges 4:2, 13 and 16. Let's look at these.

- Jdg 4:2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host *was* Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

- Jdg 4:13 And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, *even* nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that *were* with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles unto the river of Kishon.
- Jdg 4:16 But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; *and* there was not a man left.

Now verse 13 mentions the river Kishon, which is in Canaan, and as such would appear to only be referring to the nations in and around Canaan. I studied several sources and found consistency that this does not refer to Europeans or any specific nations outside of the region. So, there is nothing that refers these as descendants of Yapheth.

After this verse, all other KJV uses of the word in the Old Covenant are prophetic in nature. However, let's look at an instance of the word gentiles in the New American Standard Bible (NASB).

- Isa 9:1 But there will be no *more* gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make *it* glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

Now the KJV reads nations here. You see, there is no exact science on this, for this refers to Galilee, which is not Europe. From here we began to see the prophetic uses of the word gentiles. Let's look at some of these.

- Isa 11:1 And there shall come forth **a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:** Isa 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; Isa 11:3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

- Isa 11:4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. Isa 11:5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

We should all see that this is referring to the MESSIAH.

- Isa 11:6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. Isa 11:7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. Isa 11:8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. Isa 11:9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Furthermore, we should all see that this is not the MESSIAH's first visit, but the second, when HE will establish the Kingdom. These are the types of things that will be present on the earth at that time. Lions will eat straw while the wolf, the leopard and the lamb will lie down together. This is a glorious prophecy of the return of the MESSIAH to reign on the earth. It is a time of peace where the wild animals return to being vegetarians. And if we remember our prior studies, there is no Satan at this time.

- Isa 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. Isa 11:11 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

- Isa 11:12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

We see the very next instance of the word gentiles in the KJV in verse 10. Notice how in verse 12 YESHUA shall “set up an ensign” or standard for the nations. These nations are the same as the gentiles, or nations, that shall seek the ensign, or standard, in verse 10. As we can see, this is referring to all the nations of the world that will in that day seek the ELOHIM of Yisrael. We need to understand the true context of the use of this terminology in the entire Old Covenant.

- Zec 14:1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. Zec 14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Zec 14:3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. Zec 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

Here we have the Day of the YAHWEH, when YESHUA will gather ALL NATIONS against Yerushalaim to battle. Notice in verse 4 HE will “stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives”. Remember Matthew 24:3 when the disciples ask YESHUA about the sign of HIS coming? Well this is what will happen when He comes.

- Zec 14:9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

So, we see this is the 1,000-year rule of YESHUA on the earth.

- Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. Zec 14:17 And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

So, we should now understand that the “ensign” or “standard” discussed in Isaiah 11:10 as being sought by the “gentiles” is clearly YESHUA. Let’s read one more scripture to solidify this fact.

- Zec 8:20 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; *It shall yet come to pass*, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: Zec 8:21 And the inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also. Zec 8:22 Yea, **many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.** Zec 8:23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; **In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.**

In these verses, we note that people from all of the nations shall be seeking YAHWEH, Yisrael’s ELOHIM. And, we know that YAHWEH and YESHUA are one and the same. So, HE is that standard to which all the nations will seek.

Let’s look at a few other scriptures before we get to the New Covenant.

- Isa 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. Isa 42:2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. Isa 42:3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. Isa 42:4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law. Isa 42:5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: Isa 42:6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; Isa 42:7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. Isa 42:8 I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Isa 42:9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Here we see the next two uses of the word gentiles in verses 1 and 6. Let's reason together as we consider these verses. In verse 1, the elect, YAHWEH's servant, is YESHUA, who we now know is bringing judgement to all the nations; not just to the European nations. In verse 6, we see that YESHUA is given for a light, which we have seen in other scriptures is for all the nations, not just for the Europeans. I want us to look at one other set of scriptures that are often quoted in the context of our subject.

- Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. Isa 60:2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

- Isa 60:3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Now again, what we must accept based on other scriptures is that this is talking about all the other nations seeking YESHUA.

- Isa 60:4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side. Isa 60:5 Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

Remember, YESHUA shall bring all the nations upon Yerushalaim.

- Isa 60:6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD. Isa 60:7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

These are not the Europeans that shall bring their riches and minister unto YESHUA.

- Isa 60:8 Who *are* these *that* fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? Isa 60:9 Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

- Isa 60:10 And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee. Isa 60:11 Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that *men* may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and *that* their kings *may be* brought. Isa 60:12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, *those* nations shall be utterly wasted. Isa 60:13 The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. Isa 60:14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Isa 60:15 Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through *thee*, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations. Isa 60:16 Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. Isa 60:17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness. Isa 60:18 **Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.** Isa 60:19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. Isa 60:20 Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. Isa 60:21 Thy people also *shall be* all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. Isa 60:22 A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.

All these verses are describing how that all the other nations shall bow to YESHUA when HE establishes HIS Kingdom of spiritual Yisraelites.

So, we have what we might call an Old Covenant context of who the gentiles/nations are. They are all the nations other than Yisrael. However, we still have to understand how there might be a potential variation as we consider the sons of Japheth.

Historical facts show us the following.

- 2Ki 17:6 In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. 2Ki 17:7 For *so* it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, 2Ki 17:8 And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. 2Ki 17:9 And the children of Israel did secretly *those* things that *were* not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. 2Ki 17:10 And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree: 2Ki 17:11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as *did* the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger: 2Ki 17:12 For they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing. 2Ki 17:13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, *and by* all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments *and* my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

- 2Ki 17:14 Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God. 2Ki 17:15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that *were* round about them, *concerning* whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them. 2Ki 17:16 And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, *even* two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. 2Ki 17:17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. 2Ki 17:18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

In approximately 722BC, the 9 tribes of the Nation of Yisrael were taken into exile by the Assyrians. They remain primarily in exile even unto this day. Verse 18 informs us that the Tribe of Judah (Yehudah), which were the sons Yehudah, Benjamin and Levy were left in Canaan. In other lessons, we also know that the Tribe of Yehudah was ultimately captured by the Babylonians. However, the Persian kings allowed them to resettle what we know as Judea (Yehudea). And thus, it was so, when that terrible nation and the forth beast of Daniel and Revelations, Rome, came into world domination. Rome took over power from the Greeks, who had prior set up rulership in Yehudea. While Rome was in power when YESHUA first came to the earth and HIS apostles began to minister, the influence of Greece, was still a factor in the ministry of Paul.

Now throughout the New Covenant, the Greek word translated gentiles is “ethnos”, which interestingly enough means nations, heathen, people, or gentiles. Sound familiar?

As we read in previous weeks, the Apostle Peter first ministered to the Roman gentile Cornelius. If we have eyes to see, we should be able to recognize that Cornelius and his family were the first of the nations to be brought into the fellowship of the Holy Spirit outside of physical Israelites. The Apostle Paul then began his ministry to both physical Yisraelites and the other nations, which at that time was primarily Greeks and Romans.

- Mat 20:18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, Mat 20:19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify *him*: and the third day he shall rise again.

We know that the nation referred to as the gentiles here is the Romans, who had become the dominant power in the earth following the Greeks. We also know through historical documents that all the nations of Europe descended from Yapheth. Thus, there is some relevance to the KJV's reference to the isles of Yapheth's sons as gentiles as we now see them in the times of the Apostles. Let's remember this.

- Dan 7:15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of *my* body, and the visions of my head troubled me. Dan 7:16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. Dan 7:17 These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth.

Remember, these four kingdoms were Babylon, Persia Media, Greece and finally Rome.

- Dan 7:18 But the saints of the MOST HIGH shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even for ever and ever.

- Dan 7:19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were of* iron, and his nails *of* brass; *which* devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; Dan 7:20 And of the ten horns that *were* in his head, and *of* the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even *of* that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look *was* more stout than his fellows. Dan 7:21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Dan 7:22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the MOST HIGH; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. Dan 7:23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

It would appear that this 4th beast would prevail until the ancient of Days, in this case, YESHUA, would come and render judgement for HIS saints. Something else this fourth beast nation was prophesied to do.

- Dan 7:24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. Dan 7:25 And he shall speak *great* words against the MOST HIGH, and shall wear out the saints of the MOST HIGH, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. Dan 7:26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy *it* unto the end. Dan 7:27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the MOST HIGH, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and **all dominions shall serve and obey him.**

This prophesies a spiritual entity rising from this beast that would seek to change the MOST HIGH's laws. But notice again that when the saints take over, it is not just this beast/nation that will serve our leader, YESHUA; it is all dominions (verse 27). Let's put this in perspective.

- Dan 7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, *and* his wheels *as* burning fire. Dan 7:10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

We know that it is at the time of the 2nd resurrection that the Books are opened, right? This Ancient of Days is the FATHER.

- Dan 7:11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld *even* till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. Dan 7:12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Now we see that the prophecy shifts in time, just like the Book of Revelations does. Here we see YESHUA being presented to the FATHER just shortly after HIS resurrection.

- Joh 20:11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, *and looked* into the sepulchre, Joh 20:12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

- Joh 20:13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. Joh 20:14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Joh 20:15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Joh 20:16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Joh 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and *to* my God, and your God.

Just after HIS resurrection, He had not yet been presented to the FATHER. HE could not be touched. In Daniel 7:13, we see HIM being presented. Now pay attention to the ultimate context of what we have been reading.

- Dan 7:14 And **there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.**

This shows that the true issue is world rulership, not just one group of peoples. The MOST HIGH established as part of HIS plan for man that the 4 beasts would be allowed to rule the known world. And, just as HE did with Egypt, HE would subdue it, only this time, HE will personally assume rulership and not leave it to the human rulership of physical Israel.

Now earlier I mentioned that I needed to correct something from last week. Let's take a look at it.

- Act 15:13 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men *and* brethren, hearken unto me: Act 15:14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. Act 15:15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, Act 15:16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: Act 15:17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

Remember, this happened during the apostle's discussions on circumcision. Verses 16 and 17 are quotes of a prophecy by Amos. Note here in Acts how it speaks of how the residue of men, and all the gentiles called by the Lord's name might seek after the Lord. Based on what we know about who crucified YESHUA, Peter being sent to Cornelius, and, the commission of Paul as the Apostle to the gentiles, if we only accept what is written here in Acts, it is easy to see how easy it would be to accept that this is truly talking about the Romans and the Greeks, i.e., Europeans or descendants of Yapheth, only. Now let's read the actual prophecy.

- Amo 9:11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: Amo 9:12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.

Last week, after reading this I incorrectly referred to the gentiles as Edomites. It was an oversight on my part that needed correction. However, the original prophecy puts a different context on this subject. Many of us have always assumed that this scripture reflected the fact that the Land of Ysrael, in which the Edomites reside today, falsely portraying themselves as Yisraelites, would be repossessed by the true Yisraelites through YESHUA.

As I saw my mistake, I also saw the error of that assumption.

Now the word possess in verse 12 is from the Hebrew word “yaresh” which has multiple meanings, one of which is to occupy or possess. However, another is to inherit or take in. There are two vital points to recognize here; one from each set of scriptures. The Old Covenant informs us once again that it will be a remnant of the descendants of Esau and from all the heathen, or as we now know them, the nations, that shall be possessed when YESHUA takes control. It is from the New Covenant that we realize that this possession is in fact a residue of men from all the nations, that are called by the MESSIAH’s name, will be seeking HIM. Does everyone get this?

What then is the conclusion of the matter? Are Europeans gentiles? Yes. Are they alone gentiles? No. According to the Old Covenant scriptures, all the non-Yisraelite nations are in fact gentiles. According to the Old Covenant scriptures, and more specifically, the New Covenant scriptures, as a result of the MOST HIGH’s plan, the Europeans, namely Greece and Rome, represent the leaders of the gentile nations, even until this day. The “calling out” of those gentiles by the Apostles, including Paul, are but a metaphor of the “calling out” of peoples from all the nations, as we now saw in Hosea 9:12 and Acts 15:17.

Why is this important? When we short circuit our thinking where the WORD of the MOST HIGH is concerned, we become full really quick and begin to misunderstand certain scriptures. We then take stands without adequate research. To close let’s revisit something we have talked about before.

- Mal 1:11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name *shall be* great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense *shall be* offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name *shall be* great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

- Mal 1:12 But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD *is* polluted; and the fruit thereof, *even* his meat, *is* contemptible.

Because of inadequate research, many Brethren believe this to be the proof text on the use of the name “Jesus” as the MESSIAH’s name. Why, because they believe this only refers to Europeans. As such, because the Europeans gave us the name Jesus, this scripture validates their doing so. They failed to notice how in verse 12, Yisrael had already profaned the name, prior to YESHUA becoming flesh. So, what name did they profane?

- Mal 1:6 A son honoureth *his* father, and a servant his master: if then I *be* a father, where *is* mine honour? and if I *be* a master, where *is* my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

We see here in verse 6 the COY had despised HIS name. This name is YAHWEH! They failed to notice that when the name shall be great among the gentiles, “in every place incense *shall be* offered unto HIS name, and a pure offering”. As such, they failed to understand that this, like all the other Old Covenant scriptures referring to the gentiles, or nations, refers to ALL THE OTHER NATIONS during the 1,000-year reign of YESHUA.

We must not allow ourselves to be blinded by such teaching. Prove all things. If any of us remain humble and show allow ourselves to take steps back with open minds, we will continue to grow in our understanding of the MOST HIGH’s WORD, and even more important to each of us, our understanding of His will for each us.

- Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

- Rev 21:11 Having the glory of God: and her light *was* like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;
- Rev 21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. Rev 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof. Rev 21:24 **And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.**

These nations represent, as we learned earlier, the “ethnos” or as KJV calls them in other scriptures the “gentiles”, from all the nations of the world. I don’t know about you, but the consistency that exists between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant on this subject is simply awesome.

- Rev 21:26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. Rev 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

All who enter into the New Yerushalaim, whether of Hebrew heritage, or of heritage from the other nations of the world, i.e., the gentile nations, must be clean; having walked by the sword of the Spirit, the WORD of the MOST HIGH, whose names have been written in YAHWEH’s/YESHUA’s Book of Life.

Shalom!

Additional Comments

You know, when preparing this Lesson, I didn’t know where it would eventually lead me. Yet, the more I read all the Old Covenant scriptures where the KJV included the translated word “gentiles”, the more I realized the inconsistent and improper use of the term.

And this has caused tremendous overreactions on the part of “called-out ones” on a subject that should be consistent amongst us. It was impossible to include all the relevant scriptures on this subject. However, let’s take a look at one more scripture that will shed some light.

- Jer 4:1 If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove. Jer 4:2 And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory. Jer 4:3 For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns. Jer 4:4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench *it*, because of the evil of your doings. Jer 4:5 Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities.

Earlier we discussed the House of Yisrael being taken from the land by the Assyrians. Now, we see Yeremiyah led to plead with the House of Yehudah to return to YAHWEH, i.e., repent of its evil ways.

- Jer 4:6 Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction.

Now we see where YAHWEH is telling Yehudah to set up the standard, which we now know is YAHWEH above all elohim. If not, “evil from the north”, Babylon, will be brought upon Judah. Before we read what is written next, let's establish the historical context.

- Dan 7:2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

- Dan 7:3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. Dan 7:4 The first *was* like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.
- Dan 7:17 These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth.

History, and other scriptures identify this first beast as Babylon. It was the lion which was sent to take down, amongst other nations, Yehudah. Now back to Yeremiyah.

- Jer 4:7 The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; *and* thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

So now we know that the lion is Babylon. And, according to this KJV translation, Babylon was “the destroyer of the Gentiles”, which is taught by some to be the Europeans. Now we must reason together. Does that make any sense, based on all the scriptural evidence? Babylon was the destroyer of all the known nations of the earth. And so also were the remaining three beasts written about in Daniel the 7th chapter.

Let’s leave no doubt in our minds. The Europeans are gentiles, or nations, commissioned by the MOST HIGH to accomplish a major component of HIS plan for mankind. However, they only represent a leadership and not an exclusive role as gentiles. All non-Israelite nations are gentiles. The WORD of the MOST HIGH, under the Old Covenant”, was given exclusively to the Children of Yisrael. Individuals from the other nations began to be grafted into the New Covenant beginning with the gentiles that were in charge during the “times of the Apostles”.

However, this grafting in was only metaphoric of the ultimate grafting in of members from all the other nations.

- Mat 24:14 And **this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations**; and then shall the end come.
- Mat 25:32 And **before him shall be gathered all nations**: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats:

Doesn't it all seem plainer now? And we close with the greatest commission of all time to Yeahua's apostles.

- Mat 28:19 **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

The European nations in the form of the 4 great beasts to devour the earth, were and still are a major factor in the overall plan of salvation, and will maintain their leadership role until YESHUA returns; howbeit, we see that there is no respect given to the European nations alone. They are simply a part of a global engrafting of all the nations outside of Yisrael into the spiritual family of YAHWEH/YESHUA.

Shalom again!