

Priesthood and Paul the Apostle's Ministry

It doesn't say *gentile* everywhere it reads but most often it could better read *nations*. True Israelites didn't speak in a negative sense about the nations, calling them "*goyim*" or "*dogs*", which is unclean and uncircumcised. The *nations* are made up of gentiles; many of them will be saved out of the nations to come into the commonwealth of the one Holy Nation Israel.

Israel includes those of the stock of Israel and those who never were children of Abraham physically. Paul was working to regather those near and those far off into one house (Heb 8:7 11; Jer 31:31). Jeremiah spoke of YHWH effecting a second covenant. (Jn 10:16; 11:52; Acts 2:39).

The New Covenant was with the *ten tribes*, the two tribes, and all those that were lost into the *nations far off* from Israel (all tribes). They are all welcome in *His House*.

We are concerned, as our forefathers were in the early edah, in establishing a loyal twelve-tribed priesthood of Israel and to obtain the promises of Abraham (1 Pet 2:9-10).

Paul was *ordained* an Apostle to the nations. He received revelation that the good news would go to the nations and that Israel would be established in the midst of the nations (Isa 49:5-6). The new nation would be better than the old nation that was cut off. The new nation would produce the fruit of the Kingdom, as a forerunner of the Millennial age.

Christianity is a new world religion, that advanced on with the same light they had allowed in over the wall. Thieves came and **destroyers** came in over the wall and the light in them became darkness (Acts 13:47). Paul by his commission was the servant to raise up Israel among the gentiles. His desire was to join the Jews and those of the nations into one body in Messiah. This would compose the commonwealth of Israel. The New Covenant is to the Jews and the nations (Heb 8:8 10). The house of Judah and the House of Israel. Both houses restored as *one*, where there are no second class citizens in Israel. *Neka r* is welcomed there (those not of Jacob's physical seed; Isa 56:6-8). Eph 2:11 12 and 3:1 5 — **Paul ministered to those *near* and those *far off*. Gal 3:28 — There is no room for national racial distinction in Messiah. Col 3:11; Gal 1:15 — Paul had received apostleship to bring about the loyal submission of the nations. He went to gather the scattered *Lost Tribes*. Acts 13:46 48 — Here he refers to Isa 49:5 6, as applying to himself directly. This is what he was called to do, and he extended that calling to us.**

The "Priesthood" will be chosen on the basis of our Master's words (Lk 14:26 33; Mt 10:34 37; Mk 10:28 31). The priesthood has to be based on those words. The Holy Spirit *will* only come to those who are cut by these words. These sayings are necessary, for apart from these there is no counting the cost, no severance from whatever would hinder us. The priesthood has to be based on these words. Because the Holy Spirit will only come to those who are cut by these words. We must be pierced in order to be made into a Priest in his house. Only this message *will* produce disciples. Without this command to obey at all costs there is no establishing of Messiah's absolute authority. It is the only way the nation is set apart for priestly service. Obeying these words sets us free from the world. Ex 19:5 6; 32:25 29 — In choosing this first version of the priesthood the nation was required. **The nation fell away and were worshipping the golden calf. Moses *called for its renewal*. The tribe of Levi obeyed YHWH's sent one and gathered to Moses. Then they cut themselves off from the world's sin and Israel's sin by putting to death all that would hinder them.**

It is not enough now, even as it was not enough for Moses' day, to merely say, "Ok, everyone for YHWH step over here. Now you are priests." No, but Zeal for His house must consume us. If it does not, then there is something hindering us still. (That must be cut off). Zeal consumed them. But if our zeal doesn't consume us, it's because we haven't ordained ourselves in response to the Anointed one's command.

Mt 10:34 37 — The standard here is the same. Everything that ties us to the world system and the family of Adam must be cut off. In the old Israel they must cut off relatives of friends, but in the new Israel we are to cut off even more. Do you know you must forsake even your own life in order to enter into the New Covenant. We must give up our love for ourselves. This self-love never lost its power in the *old priesthood*. If we will obey, the

fire that Messiah longed for will come. The old Priesthood or Old Israel sensed this command but couldn't enforce it (Dt 20:1 9). The sword is still the only means by which true priests are ordained. Apostles are special envoy sent out to be received. They communicate the character and favor of our God. To receive them is to receive Him who (Mt 10:40) sent them. Yahshua is the head and sovereign of the new nation. Though we are priests, we are not very priestly yet. We do many things that are unbecoming of priests.

There are ritual ceremonies recorded in Leviticus. But on that day priests were not ordained by ritual but according to their obedience to Moses' words and through their passionate, zealous loyalty to YHWH even against social and emotional bonds. It is the same today. The words of Yahshua and His sent one establish this priesthood by the obedience of those who receive their words. Lk 12:49 53; 14:25 33 — Cast fire. As the Levites of old were ordained, so are the New Priests to serve their Master even at this great cost. 1 Pet 2:9 — The commission of Paul from Yahshua Himself was (Acts 9:6 16) to bear His name before the Gentiles (nations) and Kings and to the sons of Israel (verse 10). The word is to keep the fire kindled at the cost of great suffering (Acts 9:16). This is the basis by which we can surrender ourselves so that the Holy Spirit can come within us. We must obey these words. Acts 22:10,14 — Saul was appointed to know His will, see the righteous one and hear an utterance from his mouth. Acts 22:21 — He had visions that sent him to the nations. Acts 26:16 — Paul would be a witness and Yahshua said he would reveal more to him *later*. Jn 10:16 — Other sheep not in the fold of Judah must hear his voice and be gathered. The children of God scattered must be gathered into one (Jn 11:52). Israel lost their identity as the seed of Abraham. They recognized Paul was a special messianic envoy to Israel's scattered seed. In order to be a light to the nations — before we will have the confidence to be a light, the twelve tribes of Jacob must be restored (raised up first) to prove the authenticity before the gospel can be a light to the nations. The gates have to be plainly visible on earth or they won't be in heaven. No one can come into this city except through one of the gates of a tribe. There is an angel to keep them out like in the garden. Our Father didn't want the universe to be filled with billions of unredeemed people the result would be Star Wars. Acts 26:18; Isa 49:4-6; and Gal 1:15 29 were connected in Paul's mind. He knew what he wanted to do and he knew the churches were warring in his day. Here we again see the links to Isaiah's servant passage. He speaks of a revelation given to him angelically. Paul was the recipient of this revelation. Rom 12:3; 1:5 — He was a commander in similar fashion to Joshua. Eph 3:1 10 — Paul's special mission, the mystery kept secret from long ages past: the Messianic mystery. This is how the Messiah was to make the nations joint participants with the remnant of Judah in salvation. He was referring to the gathering out of the nations those *already chosen* along with the remnant of Judah to rebuild *the new Israel*. Eph 1:4 — Paul was the recipient of this revelation. Acts 13:47; Eph 4:11 16 — This is what He will build through wisdom. The Anointed One who rules has a body that expresses his rule organically by their faith expressed. This manifold wisdom needs to be made known to earthly powers and governments. All the gifts and graces together will do this. Paul saw that if scattered Israel would receive their King then they could receive the spirit that would enable them to be Israel, thus fulfilling Our Master's words