

Torah Portion #6: Toldot (תולדות) "generations"

Torah ~ Genesis 25:19-28:9 | Haftarah ~ Jeremiah 31:31-37; Malachi 1:1-2:7 | Brit Chadashah ~ Romans 9:1-31

The Seed Of Abraham*Genesis 25:19 "These are the family records of Isaac son of Abraham." HCSB**Galatians 3:29a "So if you belong to Christ, you are now part of Abraham's family" CEV**Galatians 3:26 "For you are all children of God, through faith in Messiah Yeshua." MWEB**Ephesians 3:6 "the Gentiles are now to be fellow heirs [with the Jews], members of the same body" AMP**2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." TLV**Romans 8:15b-16 (15b) you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." (16) The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God" NKJV***All believers in Yeshua are grafted into the Olive Tree of Israel**

God's family (His children, people, or nation) has been and will always be called Israel. He has always wanted citizenship in Israel to be open to everyone as can be seen in *Exodus 12:38* with Israel being a mixed multitude of people (Jew and Gentile) when they came out of Egypt.

Genesis 12:3 speaks of Abraham when it says *"and in you shall all families of the earth be blessed."* AKJV

The Hebrew word used here for "blessed" is *ve-niv-re-choo*, but it is a different Hebrew word from others used for "blessed." In Rabbinical commentaries, the Rabbi's say that "*ve-niv-re-choo*" really means to be "grafted in."

Paul said in *Romans 11:17-24* that Gentiles who have accepted Yeshua are now adopted into the family of Israel.

Believers in Yeshua are called by God and chosen for His purpose. But believers have not, nor will we ever, replace the calling of the native born Israelites as God's chosen people.

*Romans 11:29 "God does not take back his gifts. He does not change his mind about those he has chosen." NIRV***All believers in Yeshua are Spiritual Israelites***Jeremiah 31:31b "I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah" AKJV*

Former Gentiles would now belong to one of the tribes of Israel, more than likely that would be Yeshua's tribe, Judah.

At the end of this age, when we enter the New Jerusalem (*Revelation 21:9-21*), there will be twelve gates on which are written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. Everyone who enters the city must enter through one of these gates according to the tribe that they belong to. There will not be a gate called "The Gentiles."

*Romans 2:28-29 (28) For the real Jew is not merely Jewish outwardly: true circumcision is not only external and physical. (29) On the contrary, the real Jew is one inwardly; and true circumcision is of the heart, spiritual not literal; so that his praise comes not from other people but from God. CJB**Ephesians 2:11-19* says that believers who are Gentile in the flesh are now spiritual Israelites, citizens of Israel.

This "middle wall of separation" in *Ephesians 2:14* existed only in the second Temple, it was a man-made wall that the rabbinical authorities had built to separate the Jews from the Gentiles. Gentiles could not enter into the Temple past this point and was made to stay in the "Court of the Gentiles." This wall is a symbolic picture of the man-made rules of the Rabbi's that keep Gentile believers from being considered a part of the people of Israel. Yeshua broke down this wall for us at His crucifixion, now making us apart of the nation of Israel without man-made rules (*Romans 11:17-24*).

In Closing*Acts 11:26b "And the disciples were first called Christians [Messianic] in Antioch." NKJV**2 Corinthians 5:20 "We are therefore ambassadors for Messiah, as though God were making His appeal through us. We beg you on behalf of Messiah, be reconciled to God." TLV*