

~NATIONS (1195)

[Greek, *e´thnos*]

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· In the broad and general sense, a nation is made up of people who are more or less related to one another by blood and who have a common language. Such a national group usually occupies a defined geographic territory and is subject to some form of central governmental control. According to the *Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament*

· Hebrew evidences a tendency for *goy* to describe a people in terms of its political and territorial affiliation, and so to approximate much more closely to our modern term **nation**. *´am*, people, conversely, always retains a strong emphasis on the element of consanguinity as the basis of union into a people. [Edited by G. J. Botterweck and H. Ringren, Vol. 2, 1975, p. 427]

· The Greek terms *e´thnos*, nation and *la-os´*, people, are used similarly. In the Scriptures the plural forms of *gohy* and *e´thnos* usually refer to Gentile nations.

.. Origin

· The first notice of the forming of separate **nations** appears in the post-Flood period, in connection with the building of the Tower of Babel. Those sharing in this project were united in their opposition to God's purpose.

· The principal factor facilitating united action was that **all the earth continued to be of one language and of one set of words**.

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· And it came about that in their journeying eastward they eventually discovered a valley plain in the land of Shinar, and they took up dwelling there. (**Genesis 11:2**)

- **And they began to say, each one to the other; Come on! Let us make bricks and bake them with a burning process. So brick served as stone for them, but bitumen served as mortar for them. (Genesis 11:3)**
- **They now said; Come on! Let us build ourselves a city and also a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a celebrated name for ourselves, for fear we may be scattered over all the surface of the earth. (Genesis 11:4)**
- **Yehowah took notice of this and, by confusing their language, scattered them from there over all the surface of the earth.**
- **And Yehowah proceeded to go down to see the city and the tower that the sons of men had built. (Genesis 11:5)**
- **After that Yehowah said; Look! They are one people and there is one language for them all, and this is what they start to do. Why, now there is nothing that they may have in mind to do that will be unattainable for them. (Genesis 11:6)**
- **Come now! Let us go down and there confuse their language that they may not listen to one another's language. (Genesis 11:7)**
- **Accordingly Yehowah scattered them from there over all the surface of the earth, and they gradually left off building the city. (Genesis 11:8)**
- **That is why its name was called Babel, because there Yehowah had confused the language of all the earth, and Yehowah had scattered them from there over all the surface of the earth. (Genesis 11:9)**
- **Separated now by communication barriers, each linguistic group developed its own culture, art, customs, traits, and religion, each its own ways of doing things.**
- **The way the land of Egypt does, in which you dwelt, you must not do, and the way the land of Canaan does, into which I am bringing you, you must not do, and in their statutes you must not walk. (Leviticus 18:3)**

- **Alienated from God, the various peoples contrived many idols of their mythical deities.**
- **Watch out for yourself for fear you may be entrapped after them, after they have been annihilated from before you, and for fear you may inquire respecting their gods, saying; How was it these nations used to serve their gods? And I, yes, I, will do the same way. ([Deuteronomy 12:30](#))**
- **However, each different nation came to be a maker of its own god, which they then deposited in the house of the high places that the Samaritans had made, each different nation, in their cities where they were dwelling. ([2 Kings 17:29](#))**
- **It was of Yehowah that they became fearers, but it was of their own gods that they proved to be worshipers, according to the religion of the nations from among whom they had led them into exile. ([2 Kings 17:33](#))**
- **There were three great branches of these nations stemming from the sons and grandsons of Noah's sons Japheth, Ham, and Shem, and these were reckoned as the founding fathers of the respective nations called by their names.**
- **The listing in ([Genesis Chapter 10](#)) therefore might be termed the oldest tabulation of **nations**, 70 in number. Fourteen were Japhetic, 30 Hamitic, and 26 Shemitic in origin.**
- **And this is the history of Noah's sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth. Now sons began to be born to them after the deluge. ([Genesis 10:1](#))**
- **The sons of Japheth were Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras. ([Genesis 10:2](#))**
- **And the sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz and Riphath and Togarmah. ([Genesis 10:3](#))**
- **And the sons of Javan were Elishah and Tarshish, Kittim and Dodanim. ([Genesis 10:4](#))**
- **From these the population of the isles of the **nations** was spread about in their lands, each according to its tongue, according to their families, by their nations. ([Genesis 10:5](#))**

- **And the sons of Ham were Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan. (Genesis 10:6)**
- **And the sons of Cush were Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabteca. And the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan. (Genesis 10:7)**
- **And Cush became father to Nimrod. He made the start in becoming a mighty one in the earth. (Genesis 10:8)**
- **And Mizraim became father to Ludim and Anamim and Lehabim and Naphtuhim. (Genesis 10:13)**
- **And Pathrusim and Casluhim, from among whom the Philistines went forth, and Caphtorim. (Genesis 10:14)**
- **And Canaan became father to Sidon his firstborn and Heth. (Genesis 10:15)**
- **And the Jebusite and the Amorite and the Girgashite. (Genesis 10:16)**
- **And the Hivite and the Arkite and the Sinite. (Genesis 10:17)**
- **And the Arvadite and the Zemarite and the Hamathite, and afterward the families of the Canaanite were scattered. (Genesis 10:18)**
- **So the boundary of the Canaanite came to be from Sidon as far as Gerar, near Gaza, as far as Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboiim, near Lasha. (Genesis 10:19)**
- **These were the sons of Ham according to their families, according to their tongues, in their lands, by their nations. (Genesis 10:20)**
- **And to Shem, the forefather of all the sons of Eber, the brother of Japheth the oldest, there was also progeny born. (Genesis 10:21)**
- **The sons of Shem were Elam and Asshur and Arpachshad and Lud and Aram. (Genesis 10:22)**
- **And the sons of Aram were Uz and Hul and Gether and Mash.**

(Genesis 10:23)

- **And Arpachshad became father to Shelah, and Shelah became father to Eber. (Genesis 10:24)**
- **And to Eber there were two sons born. The name of the one was Peleg, because in his days the earth was divided, and the name of his brother was Joktan. (Genesis 10:25)**
- **And Joktan became father to Almodad and Sheleph and Hazarmaveth and Jerah. (Genesis 10:26)**
- **And Hadoram and Uzal and Diklah. (Genesis 10:27)**
- **And Obal and Abimael and Sheba. (Genesis 10:28)**
- **And Ophir and Havilah and Jobab, all these were the sons of Joktan. (Genesis 10:29)**
- **And their place of dwelling came to extend from Mesha as far as Sephar, the mountainous region of the East. (Genesis 10:30)**
- **These were the sons of Shem according to their families, according to their tongues, in their lands, according to their nations. (Genesis 10:31)**
- **These were the families of the sons of Noah according to their family descents, by their **nations**, and from these the nations were spread about in the earth after the deluge. (Genesis 10:32)**
- **Noah, Shem, Ham and Japheth. (1 Chronicles 1:4)**
- **The sons of Japheth were Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras. (1 Chronicles 1:5)**
- **And the sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz and Riphath and Togarmah. (1 Chronicles 1:6)**
- **And the sons of Javan were Elishah and Tarshish, Kittim and Rodanim. (1 Chronicles 1:7)**
- **The sons of Ham were Cush and Mizraim, Put and Canaan. (1 Chronicles 1:8)**

- **And the sons of Cush were Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabteca. And the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan. (1 Chronicles 1:9)**
- **And Cush himself became father to Nimrod. He it was that made the start in becoming a mighty one in the earth. (1 Chronicles 1:10)**
- **As for Mizraim, he became father to Ludim and Anamim and Lehabim and Naphtuhim. (1 Chronicles 1:11)**
- **And Pathrusim and Casluhim, from among whom the Philistines went forth, and Caphtorim. (1 Chronicles 1:12)**
- **As for Canaan, he became father to Sidon his firstborn and Heth. (1 Chronicles 1:13)**
- **And the Jebusite and the Amorite and the Girgashite. (1 Chronicles 1:14)**
- **And the Hivite and the Arkite and the Sinite. (1 Chronicles 1:15)**
- **And the Arvadite and the Zemarite and the Hamathite. (1 Chronicles 1:16)**
- **The sons of Shem were Elam and Asshur and Arpachshad and Lud and Aram, and Uz and Hul and Gether and Mash. (1 Chronicles 1:17)**
- **As for Arpachshad, he became father to Shelah, and Shelah himself became father to Eber. (1 Chronicles 1:18)**
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Joktan. (1 Chronicles 1:23)

- Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah. (1 Chronicles 1:24)
- Eber, Peleg, Refuge. (1 Chronicles 1:25)
- Many changes, of course, came with the passing of time. Some nations were absorbed by their neighbors or disappeared altogether, because of weakness, disease, or war. Others came into existence through new migrations and population increases.
- The spirit of nationalism at times became very strong among certain groups, and this, coupled with great military exploits, gave ambitious men the necessary thrust to build world empires at the expense of weaker nations.

•• A Father Of Nations

- God told Abram to leave Ur and move to a land He would show him, for as He said,
- And Yehowah proceeded to say to Abram; Go your way out of your country and from your relatives and from the house of your father to the country that I shall show you. (Genesis 12:1)
- And I shall make a great **nation** out of you and I shall bless you and I will make your name great, and prove yourself a blessing. (Genesis 12:2)
- And I will bless those who bless you, and him that calls down evil upon you I shall curse, and all the families of the ground will certainly bless themselves by means of you. (Genesis 12:3)
- At that Abram went just as Yehowah had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he went out from Haran. (Genesis 12:4)
- Later, God enlarged on his promise, saying,
- When Abram got to be ninety-nine years old, then Yehowah appeared to Abram and said to him; I am God Almighty. Walk before me and prove yourself faultless. (Genesis 17:1)
- And I will give my covenant between me and you, that I may

multiply you very, very much. (**Genesis 17:2**)

- At this Abram fell upon his face, and God continued to speak with him, saying; (**Genesis 17:3**)
- As for me, look! My covenant is with you, and you will certainly become a father of a crowd of nations. (**Genesis 17:4**)
- And your name will not be called Abram anymore, and your name must become Abraham, because a father of a crowd of nations I will make you. (**Genesis 17:5**)
- And I will make you very, very fruitful and will make you become nations, and kings will come out of you. (**Genesis 17:6**)
- **This promise was fulfilled. Abraham's son Ishmael fathered twelve chieftains according to their clans.**
- Now these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their family origins, Ishmael's firstborn Nebaioth and Kedar and Adbeel and Mibsam. (**Genesis 25:13**)
- And Mishma and Dumah and Massa. (**Genesis 25:14**)
- Hadad and Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah. (**Genesis 25:15**)
- These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names by their courtyards and by their walled camps, twelve chieftains according to their clans. (**Genesis 25:16**)
- But as regards Ishmael I have heard you. Look! I will bless him and will make him fruitful and will multiply him very, very much. He will certainly produce twelve chieftains, and I will make him become a great nation. (**Genesis 17:20**)
- And as for the son of the slave girl, I shall also constitute him a nation, because he is your offspring. (**Genesis 21:13**)
- Get up, lift up the boy and take hold of him with your hand, because I shall constitute him a great **nation**. (**Genesis 21:18**)
- **And through the six sons of Keturah, other **nations** traced their ancestry back to Abraham.**

- Furthermore, Abraham again took a wife, and her name was Keturah. ([Genesis 25:1](#))
- In time she bore him Zimran and Jokshan and Medan and Midian and Ishbak and Shuah. ([Genesis 25:2](#))
- And Jokshan became father to Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan became Asshurim and Letushim and Leummim. ([Genesis 25:3](#))
- And the sons of Midian were Ephah and Epher and Hanoch and Abida and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah. ([Genesis 25:4](#))
- The sons of Abraham were Isaac and Ishmael. ([1 Chronicles 1:28](#))
- These are their family origins, Ishmael's firstborn Nebaioth and Kedar and Adbeel and Mibsam. ([1 Chronicles 1:29](#))
- Mishma and Dumah, Massa, Hadad and Tema. ([1 Chronicles 1:30](#))
- Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah. These were the sons of Ishmael. ([1 Chronicles 1:31](#))
- As for the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine, she gave birth to Zimran and Jokshan and Medan and Midian and Ishbak and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan were Sheba and Dedan. ([1 Chronicles 1:32](#))
- And the sons of Midian were Ephah and Epher and Hanoch and Abida and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah. ([1 Chronicles 1:33](#))
- On this account it was as a result of faith, that it might be according to undeserved kindness, in order for the promise to be sure to all his seed, not only to that which adheres to the Law, but also to that which adheres to the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ([Romans 4:16](#))
- Just as it is written: I have appointed you a father of many **nations**. This was in the sight of the One in whom he had faith, even of God, who makes the dead alive and calls the things that are not as though they were. ([Romans 4:17](#))

- **Although beyond hope, yet based on hope he had faith, that he might become the father of many nations in accord with what had been said; So your seed will be. (Romans 4:18)**
- **From Abraham's son Isaac sprang the Israelites and Edomites.**
- **And Isaac kept on entreating Yehowah especially for his wife, because she was barren, so Yehowah let himself be entreated for him, and Rebekah his wife became pregnant. (Genesis 25:21)**
- **And the sons within her began to struggle with each other, so that she said; If this is the way it is, just why am I alive? With that she went to inquire of Yehowah. (Genesis 25:22)**
- **And Yehowah proceeded to say to her; Two **nations** are in your belly, and two **national** groups will be separated from your inward parts, and the one national group will be stronger than the other **national** group, and the older will serve the younger. (Genesis 25:23)**
- **Gradually her days came to the full for giving birth, and, look! twins were in her belly. (Genesis 25:24)**
- **Then the first came out red all over like an official garment of hair, so they called his name Esau. (Genesis 25:25)**
- **And after that his brother came out and his hand was holding onto the heel of Esau, so he called his name Jacob. And Isaac was sixty years old at her giving them birth. (Genesis 25:26)**
- **In a much larger, spiritual sense Abraham became, a father of many **nations**, for persons of many **national** groups, including those of the Christian congregation in Rome, by reason of their faith and obedience could call Abraham their father, **the father of all those having faith.****
- **And he received a sign, namely, circumcision, as a seal of the righteousness by the faith he had while in his uncircumcised state, that he might be the father of all those having faith while in uncircumcision, in order for righteousness to be counted to them. (Romans 4:11)**
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See Also ISRAEL 2

· How God Views The Nations

- As the Creator and Universal Sovereign, God is within his absolute rights in setting the nations territorial boundaries, if he chooses to do so, as he did with Ammon, Edom, and Israel.
- Yehowah spoke further to me, saying; (**Deuteronomy 2:17**)
- You are passing today by the territory of Moab, that is, Ar. (**Deuteronomy 2:18**)
- And you must get close in front of the sons of Ammon. Do not molest them or engage in strife with them, because I shall not give you any of the land of the sons of Ammon as a holding, for it is to the sons of Lot that I have given it as a holding. (**Deuteronomy 2:19**)
- As the land of the Rephaim it also used to be considered. The Rephaim dwelt in it in former times, and the Ammonites used to call them Zamzummim. (**Deuteronomy 2:20**)
- They were a great and numerous and tall people like the Anakim, and Yehowah went annihilating them from before them, that they might dispossess them and dwell in their place. (**Deuteronomy 2:21**)
- Just the same as he did for the sons of Esau, who are dwelling in Seir, when he annihilated the Horites from before them, that

- they might dispossess them and dwell in their place until this day. ([Deuteronomy 2:22](#))
- When the Most High gave the nations an inheritance, when he parted the sons of Adam from one another, He proceeded to fix the boundary of the people with regard for the number of the sons of Israel. ([Deuteronomy 32:8](#))
 - And he proceeded to say; O Yehowah the God of our forefathers, are you not God in the heavens, and are you not dominating over all the kingdoms of the **nations**, and are there not in your hand power and mightiness, with no one to hold his ground against you? ([2 Chronicles 20:6](#))
 - Did not you yourself, O God of ours, drive away the inhabitants of this land from before your people Israel and then give it to the seed of Abraham, your lover, to time indefinite? ([2 Chronicles 20:7](#))
 - And he made out of one man every **nation** of men, to dwell upon the entire surface of the earth, and he decreed the appointed times and the set limits of the dwelling of men. ([Acts of Apostles 17:26](#))
 - The Most High and Lofty One over all the earth is not to be compared in greatness with **nations** of mankind.
 - In no way is there anyone like you, O Yehowah. You are great, and your name is great in mightiness. ([Jeremiah 10:6](#))
 - Who should not fear you, O King of the **nations**, for to you it is fitting, because among all the wise ones of the **nations** and among all their kingships there is in no way anyone like you. ([Jeremiah 10:7](#))
 - Actually the **nations** are as but a drop from the bucket in his sight.
 - Look! The **nations** are as a drop from a bucket, and as the film of dust on the scales they have been accounted. Look! He lifts the islands themselves as mere fine dust. ([Isaiah 40:15](#))
 - So when such **nations** rage and mutter against Yehowah, as when they put Jesus to death on a torture stake, He only laughs at

them in derision and confounds and destroys their presumptuous counsel against Him.

- **Why have the **nations** been in tumult and the national groups themselves kept muttering an empty thing? (**Psalms 2:1**)**
- **The kings of earth take their stand and high officials themselves have massed together as one against Yehowah and against his anointed one. (**Psalms 2:2**)**
- **The very One sitting in the heavens will laugh. Yehowah himself will hold them in derision. (**Psalms 2:4**)**
- **At that time he will speak to them in his anger and in his hot displeasure he will disturb them. (**Psalms 2:5**)**
- **Yehowah himself has broken up the counsel of the **nations**, he has thwarted the thoughts of the peoples. (**Psalms 33:10**)**
- **But you yourself, O Yehowah, will laugh at them; You will hold all the nations in derision. (**Psalms 59:8**)**
- **And from mankind they are driving even you away, and with the beasts of the field your dwelling will be. Vegetation they will give even to you to eat just like bulls, and seven times themselves will pass over you, until you know that the Most High is Ruler in the kingdom of mankind, and that to the one whom he wants to he gives it. (**Daniel 4:32**)**
- **And at the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up to the heavens my eyes, and my own understanding began to return to me, and I blessed the Most High himself, and the One living to time indefinite I praised and glorified, because his rulership is a rulership to time indefinite and his kingdom is for generation after generation. (**Daniel 4:34**)**
- **And all the inhabitants of the earth are being considered as merely nothing, and he is doing according to his own will among the army of the heavens and the inhabitants of the earth. And there exists no one that can check his hand or that can say to him, What have you been doing? (**Daniel 4:35**)**
- **Upon hearing this they with one accord raised their voices to God and said; Sovereign Lord, you are the One who made the heaven**

- and the earth and the sea and all the things in them. (**Acts of Apostles 4:24**)
- **And who through Holy Spirit said by the mouth of our forefather David, your servant; Why did **nations** become tumultuous and peoples meditate upon empty things? (**Acts of Apostles 4:25**)**
 - **The kings of the earth took their stand and the rulers massed together as one against Yehowah and against his anointed one. (**Acts of Apostles 4:26**)**
 - **Even so, both Herod and Pontius Pilate with men of nations and with peoples of Israel were in actuality gathered together in this city against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. (**Acts of Apostles 4:27**)**
 - **In order to do what things your hand and counsel had foreordained to occur. (**Acts of Apostles 4:28**)**
 - **Yet for all of Yehowah's superlative greatness and power, no one can rightly charge him with being unjust in his treatment of **national** groups. It makes no difference whether God is dealing with a single man or a whole nation, he never compromises his righteous principles.**
 - **When he himself causes quietness, who, then, can condemn? And when he conceals his face, who can behold him, whether it is toward a **nation** or toward a man, it being the same thing? (**Job 34:29**)**
 - **If a **nation** is repentant, as were the people of Nineveh, he blesses them.**
 - **And the men of Nineveh began to put faith in God, and they proceeded to proclaim a fast and to put on sackcloth, from the greatest one of them even to the least one of them. (**Jonah 3:5**)**
 - **When the word reached the king of Nineveh, then he rose up from his throne and put off his official garment from himself and covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the ashes. (**Jonah 3:6**)**
 - **Furthermore, he had the cry made, and he had it said in Nineveh, by the decree of the king and his great ones, saying; No man and no domestic animal, no herd and no flock, should taste anything**

- at all. None should take food. Even water they should not drink. **(Jonah 3:7)**
- **And let them cover themselves with sackcloth, man and domestic animal, and let them call out to God with strength and come back, each one from his bad way and from the violence that was in their hands. (Jonah 3:8)**
 - **Who is there knowing whether the true God may turn back and actually feel regret and turn back from his burning anger, so that we may not perish? (Jonah 3:9)**
 - **And the true God got to see their works, that they had turned back from their bad way, and so the true God felt regret over the calamity that he had spoken of causing to them, and he did not cause it. (Jonah 3:10)**
 - **But if they turn to doing bad, even though in a covenant with him, he destroys them.**
 - **At any moment that I may speak against a **nation** and against a kingdom to uproot it and to pull it down and to destroy it. (Jeremiah 18:7)**
 - **And that nation actually turns back from its badness against which I spoke, I will also feel regret over the calamity that I had thought to execute upon it. (Jeremiah 18:8)**
 - **But at any moment that I may speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom to build it up and to plant it. (Jeremiah 18:9)**
 - **And it actually does what is bad in my eyes by not obeying my voice, I will also feel regret over the good that I said to myself to do for its good. (Jeremiah 18:10)**
 - **When an issue arises, Jehovah sends his prophets with a message of warning.**
 - **Before I was forming you in the belly I knew you, and before you proceeded to come forth from the womb I sanctified you. Prophet to the nations I made you. (Jeremiah 1:5)**
 - **See, I have commissioned you this day to be over the nations and**

- over the kingdoms, in order to uproot and to pull down and to destroy and to tear down, to build and to plant. (**Jeremiah 1:10**)
- **And he went on to say to me; Son of man, I am sending you to the sons of Israel, to rebellious nations that have rebelled against me. They themselves and their forefathers have transgressed against me down to this selfsame day. (**Ezekiel 2:3**)**
 - **Now as regards you, O son of man, a watchman is what I have made you to the house of Israel, and at my mouth you must hear the word and give them warning from me. (**Ezekiel 33:7**)**
 - **God is not partial toward any, great or small.**
 - **For Yehowah your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the God great, mighty and fear-inspiring, who treats none with partiality nor accepts a bribe. (**Deuteronomy 10:17**)**
 - **And now let the dread of Yehowah come to be upon you. Be careful and act, for with Yehowah our God there is no unrighteousness or partiality or taking of a bribe. (**2 Chronicles 19:7**)**
 - **At this Peter opened his mouth and said; For a certainty I perceive that God is not partial. (**Acts of Apostles 10:34**)**
 - **But in every nation the man that fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him. (**Acts of Apostles 10:35**)**
 - **Therefore, when whole **nations** refuse to recognize and obey Yehowah, or they cast him out of their minds and hearts, Yehowah executes his judgments upon them.**
 - **Pour out your rage upon the nations that have not known you, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your own name. (**Psalms 79:6**)**
 - **He will execute judgment among the nations, he will cause a fullness of dead bodies. He will certainly break to pieces the head one over a populous land. (**Psalms 110:6**)**
 - **To execute vengeance upon the nations, rebukes upon the national groups. (**Psalms 149:7**)**

- **To bind their kings with shackles and their glorified ones with fetters of iron. (Psalms 149:8)**
- **To execute upon them the judicial decision written. Such splendor belongs to all his loyal ones. Praise Yah, you people! (Psalms 149:9)**
- **He devotes them to destruction and turns them back to Sheol.**
- **Wicked people will turn back to Sheol, even all the nations forgetting God. (Psalms 9:17)**
- **Come up close, you nations, to hear, and you national groups, pay attention. Let the earth and that which fills it listen, the productive land and all its produce. (Isaiah 34:1)**
- **For Yehowah has indignation against all the nations, and rage against all their army. He must devote them to destruction, he must give them to the slaughter. (Isaiah 34:2)**
- **Pour out your rage upon the nations who have ignored you, and upon the families who have not called even upon your name. For they have eaten up Jacob. Yes, they have eaten him up, and they keep at exterminating him, and his abiding place they have desolated. (Jeremiah 10:25)**
- **In descriptive language God says that the wicked nations will be turned over to his Son, the one called, Faithful and True, The Word of God, to be dashed to pieces.**
- **Let me refer to the decree of Yehowah. He has said to me; You are my son. I, today, I have become your father. (Psalms 2:7)**
- **Ask of me, that I may give nations as your inheritance and the ends of the earth as your own possession. (Psalms 2:8)**
- **You will break them with an iron scepter, as though a potters vessel you will dash them to pieces. (Psalms 2:9)**
- **And I saw the heaven opened, and, look! A white horse. And the one seated upon it is called Faithful and True, and he judges and carries on war in righteousness. (Revelation 19:11)**
- **His eyes are a fiery flame, and upon his head are many diadems.**

He has a name written that no one knows but he himself.
([Revelation 19:12](#))

- And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood, and the name he is called is The Word of God. ([Revelation 19:13](#))
- Also, the armies that were in heaven were following him on white horses, and they were clothed in white, clean, fine linen. ([Revelation 19:14](#))
- And out of his mouth there protrudes a sharp long sword, that he may strike the nations with it, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. He treads too the winepress of the anger of the wrath of God the Almighty. ([Revelation 19:15](#))
- And she gave birth to a son, a male, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod. And her child was caught away to God and to his throne. ([Revelation 12:5](#))

•• The New Nation Of Spiritual Israel

- For centuries Yehowah God dealt exclusively with natural Israel, time and again sending his prophets to the nation so that the people might turn from their wayward course. Finally he sent his Son, Christ Jesus, but the majority rejected him.
- Therefore, Jesus said to the unbelieving chief priests and Pharisees; The kingdom of God will be taken from you and be given to a nation producing its fruits.
- Hear another illustration; There was a man, a householder, who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and erected a tower, and let it out to cultivators, and traveled abroad. ([Matthew 21:33](#))
- When the season of the fruits came around, he dispatched his slaves to the cultivators to get his fruits. ([Matthew 21:34](#))
- However, the cultivators took his slaves, and one they beat up, another they killed, another they stoned. ([Matthew 21:35](#))
- Again he dispatched other slaves, more than the first, but they did the same to these. ([Matthew 21:36](#))

- Lastly he dispatched his son to them, saying; They will respect my son. (**Matthew 21:37**)
- On seeing the son the cultivators said among themselves, This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and get his inheritance! (**Matthew 21:38**)
- So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. (**Matthew 21:39**)
- Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those cultivators? (**Matthew 21:40**)
- They said to him; Because they are evil, he will bring an evil destruction upon them and will let out the vineyard to other cultivators, who will render him the fruits when they become due. (**Matthew 21:41**)
- Jesus said to them; Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected is the one that has become the chief cornerstone. From Yehowah this has come to be, and it is marvelous in our eyes? (**Matthew 21:42**)
- This is why I say to you; The kingdom of God will be taken from you and be given to a nation producing its fruits. (**Matthew 21:43**)
- The apostle Peter clearly identified that **nation** as one composed of persons who had accepted Christ Jesus.
- Coming to him as to a living stone, rejected, it is true, by men, but chosen, precious, with God. (**1 Peter 2:4**)
- You yourselves also as living stones are being built up a spiritual house for the purpose of a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (**1 Peter 2:5**)
- For it is contained in Scripture: Look! I am laying in Zion a stone, chosen, a foundation cornerstone, precious, and no one exercising faith in it will by any means come to disappointment. (**1 Peter 2:6**)
- It is to you, therefore, that he is precious, because you are believers, but to those not believing, the identical stone that the

builders rejected has become the head of the corner. (**1 Peter 2:7**)

- **And, a stone of stumbling and a rock-mass of offense. These are stumbling because they are disobedient to the word. To this very end they were also appointed. (1 Peter 2:8)**
- **But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for special possession, that you should declare abroad the excellencies of the one that called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)**
- **For you were once not a people, but are now God's people; You were those who had not been shown mercy, but are now those who have been shown mercy. (1 Peter 2:10)**
- **In fact, Peter applied to fellow Christians the very words that had been directed to natural Israel;**
- **But you are, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for special possession, that you should declare abroad the excellencies, of the one that called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)**
- **And now if you will strictly obey my voice and will indeed keep my covenant, then you will certainly become my special property out of all other peoples, because the whole earth belongs to me. (Exodus 19:5)**
- **And you yourselves will become to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you are to say to the sons of Israel. (Exodus 19:6)**
- **All of them recognized God as Ruler and his Son as Lord and Christ.**
- **Actually David did not ascend to the heavens, but he himself says; Yehowah said to my Lord; Sit at my right hand. (Acts of Apostles 2:34)**
- **Until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet. (Acts of Apostles 2:35)**
- **And we are witnesses of these matters, and so is the Holy Spirit,**

- which God has given to those obeying him as ruler. (**Acts of Apostles 5:32**)
- **They possessed heavenly citizenship.**
 - **As for us, our citizenship exists in the heavens, from which place also we are eagerly waiting for a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. (**Philippians 3:20**)**
 - **And were sealed with the Holy Spirit, which was an advance token of their heavenly inheritance.**
 - **He has also put his seal upon us and has given us the token of what is to come, that is, the spirit, in our hearts. (**2 Corinthians 1:22**)**
 - **Now he that produced us for this very thing is God, who gave us the token of what is to come, that is, the spirit. (**2 Corinthians 5:5**)**
 - **But you also hoped in him after you heard the word of truth, the Good News about your salvation. By means of him also, after you believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. (**Ephesians 1:13**)**
 - **Which is a token in advance of our inheritance, for the purpose of releasing by a ransom God's own possession, to his glorious praise. (**Ephesians 1:14**)**
 - **Whereas natural Israel was constituted a **nation** under the Law covenant, the **holy nation** of spirit-begotten Christians became such under the New Covenant.**
 - **And now if you will strictly obey my voice and will indeed keep my covenant, then you will certainly become my special property out of all other peoples, because the whole earth belongs to me. (**Exodus 19:5**)**
 - **But now Jesus has obtained a more excellent public service, so that he is also the mediator of a correspondingly better covenant, which has been legally established upon better promises. (**Hebrews 8:6**)**
 - **For if that first covenant had been faultless, no place would have**

been sought for a second. (**Hebrews 8:7**)

- For he does find fault with the people when he says; Look! There are days coming, says Yehowah, and I will conclude with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah a New Covenant. (**Hebrews 8:8**)
- Not according to the covenant that I made with their forefathers in the day of my taking hold of their hand to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt, because they did not continue in my covenant, so that I stopped caring for them, says Yehowah. (**Hebrews 8:9**)
- For this is the covenant that I shall covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says Yehowah. I will put my Laws in their mind, and in their hearts I shall write them. And I will become their God, and they themselves will become my people. (**Hebrews 8:10**)
- And they will by no means teach each one his fellow citizen and each one his brother, saying; Know Yehowah! For they will all know me, from the least one to the greatest one of them. (**Hebrews 8:11**)
- For I shall be merciful to their unrighteous deeds, and I shall by no means call their sins to mind anymore. (**Hebrews 8:12**)
- In his saying, a New Covenant, he has made the former one obsolete. Now that which is made obsolete and growing old is near to vanishing away. (**Hebrews 8:13**)
- For these reasons it was most appropriate that they be called, a holy nation. When God's spirit was first poured out upon about 120 disciples of Jesus, all natural Jews, on the day of Pentecost in the year **33 C.E.**, it became evident that God was dealing with a new spiritual nation.
- And while he was meeting with them he gave them the orders; Do not withdraw from Jerusalem, but keep waiting for what the Father has promised, about which you heard from me. (**Acts of Apostles 1:4**)
- Because John, indeed, baptized with water, but you will be baptized in Holy Spirit not many days after this. (**Acts of Apostles**

1:5)

- **Now during these days Peter rose up in the midst of the brothers and said; the crowd of persons was all together about one hundred and twenty. (Acts of Apostles 1:15)**
- **Now while the day of the festival of Pentecost was in progress they were all together at the same place. (Acts of Apostles 2:1)**
- **And suddenly there occurred from heaven a noise just like that of a rushing stiff breeze, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. (Acts of Apostles 2:2)**
- **And tongues as if of fire became visible to them and were distributed about, and one sat upon each one of them. (Acts of Apostles 2:3)**
- **And they all became filled with Holy Spirit and started to speak with different tongues, just as the spirit was granting them to make utterance. (Acts of Apostles 2:4)**
- **But you also hoped in him after you heard the word of truth, the Good News about your salvation. By means of him also, after you believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 1:13)**
- **Which is a token in advance of our inheritance, for the purpose of releasing by a ransom God's own possession, to his glorious praise. (Ephesians 1:14)**
- **Later, beginning in the year 36 C.E, membership in the new nation was extended to uncircumcised Gentiles, who likewise received God's spirit.**
- **On the day after that he entered into Caesarea. Cornelius, of course, was expecting them and had called together his relatives and intimate friends. (Acts of Apostles 10:24)**
- **As Peter entered, Cornelius met him, fell down at his feet and did obeisance to him. (Acts of Apostles 10:25)**
- **But Peter lifted him up, saying; Rise, I myself am also a man. (Acts of Apostles 10:26)**

- **And as he conversed with him he went in and found many people assembled. (Acts of Apostles 10:27)**
- **And he said to them; You well know how unlawful it is for a Jew to join himself to or approach a man of another race, and yet God has shown me I should call no man defiled or unclean. (Acts of Apostles 10:28)**
- **Hence I came, really without objection, when I was sent for. Therefore I inquire the reason that you have sent for me. (Acts of Apostles 10:29)**
- **Accordingly Cornelius said; Four days ago counting from this hour I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, when, look! A man in bright raiment stood before me (Acts of Apostles 10:30)**
- **And said; Cornelius, your prayer has been favorably heard and your gifts of mercy have been remembered before God. (Acts of Apostles 10:31)**
- **Send, therefore, to Joppa and call for Simon, who is surnamed Peter. This man is being entertained in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. (Acts of Apostles 10:32)**
- **Therefore I at once sent to you, and you did well in coming here. And so at this time we are all present before God to hear all the things you have been commanded by Yehowah to say. (Acts of Apostles 10:33)**
- **At this Peter opened his mouth and said; For a certainty I perceive that God is not partial. (Acts of Apostles 10:34)**
- **But in every nation the man that fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him. (Acts of Apostles 10:35)**
- **He sent out the word to the sons of Israel to declare to them the Good News of peace through Jesus Christ: this One is Lord of all others. (Acts of Apostles 10:36)**
- **You know the subject that was talked about throughout the whole of Judea, starting from Galilee after the baptism that John preached. (Acts of Apostles 10:37)**
- **Namely, Jesus who was from Nazareth, how God anointed him**

- with Holy Spirit and power, and he went through the land doing good and healing all those oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him. (**Acts of Apostles 10:38**)
- And we are witnesses of all the things he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem, but they also did away with him by hanging him on a stake. (**Acts of Apostles 10:39**)
 - God raised this One up on the third day and granted him to become manifest. (**Acts of Apostles 10:40**)
 - Not to all the people, but to witnesses appointed beforehand by God, to us, who ate and drank with him after his rising from the dead. (**Acts of Apostles 10:41**)
 - Also, he ordered us to preach to the people and to give a thorough witness that this is the One decreed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. (**Acts of Apostles 10:42**)
 - To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone putting faith in him gets forgiveness of sins through his name. (**Acts of Apostles 10:43**)
 - While Peter was yet speaking about these matters the Holy Spirit fell upon all those hearing the word. (**Acts of Apostles 10:44**)
 - And the faithful ones that had come with Peter who were of those circumcised were amazed, because the free gift of the Holy Spirit was being poured out also upon people of the nations. (**Acts of Apostles 10:45**)
 - For they heard them speaking with tongues and magnifying God. Then Peter responded. (**Acts of Apostles 10:46**)
 - Can anyone forbid water so that these might not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have? (**Acts of Apostles 10:47**)
 - With that he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they requested him to remain for some days. (**Acts of Apostles 10:48**)
 - Therefore keep bearing in mind that formerly you were people of

- the nations as to flesh, uncircumcision you were called by that which is called, circumcision, made in the flesh with hands. **(Ephesians 2:11)**
- That you were at that particular time without Christ, alienated from the state of Israel and strangers to the covenants of the promise, and you had no hope and were without God in the world. **(Ephesians 2:12)**
 - But now in union with Christ Jesus you who were once far off have come to be near by the blood of the Christ. **(Ephesians 2:13)**
 - For he is our peace, he who made the two parties one and destroyed the wall in between that fenced them off. **(Ephesians 2:14)**
 - By means of his flesh he abolished the enmity, the Law of commandments consisting in decrees, that he might create the **two peoples in union with himself** into one new man and make peace. **(Ephesians 2:15)**
 - And that he might fully reconcile both peoples in one body to God through the torture stake, because he had killed off the enmity by means of himself. **(Ephesians 2:16)**
 - And he came and declared the Good News of peace to you, the ones far off, and peace to those near. **(Ephesians 2:17)**
 - Because through him we, both peoples, have the approach to the Father by one spirit. **(Ephesians 2:18)**
 - Certainly, therefore, you are no longer strangers and alien residents, but you are fellow citizens of the holy ones and are members of the household of God. **(Ephesians 2:19)**
 - And you have been built up upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, while Christ Jesus himself is the foundation cornerstone. **(Ephesians 2:20)**
 - Regarding the preaching of the Good News to all nations.

See Also GOOD NEWS

.. Gog And Magog

- **The Bible book of Revelation.**
- **Now as soon as the thousand years have been ended, Satan will be let loose out of his prison. (Revelation 20:7)**
- **And he will go out to mislead those **nations** in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war. The number of these is as the sand of the sea. (Revelation 20:8)**
- **States that, after Christ's Thousand Year Reign, Satan will go out to mislead those **nations** in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog. Evidently such **nations** are the product of rebellion against Christ's administration.**

See Also GOG 3