

# HEBREW EPISTLES ARE TO SPIRITUAL ISRAEL

## YOU ARE NOT SPIRITUAL ISRAEL PT 2

*"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood,  
an holy nation, a peculiar people;"*

~ 1 Peter 2:9

### 1. Review:

- a. People think they're spirit Israel b/c they don't see the mystery fellowship - Eph 3:9
- b. Israel needed to be spiritual in order to fulfill the promises God gave them.
- c. The 7 books of the NT by Peter, James, John, Jude are written to spiritual Israel.
  - i. If those books are written to you today, then we are spiritual Israel.

### 2. A Linchpin Verse - 1 Peter 2:9

- a. *"chosen generation"* - Requires a people of a chosen time - Ps 33:12, Isa 41:8, Lk 11:51
  - i. The mystery hid from generations (Col 1:27), we chosen in Christ from Eph 1:4
- b. *"royal priesthood"* - Requires a kingdom and separation of Gentiles - Isa 61:6
  - i. There is no priesthood in the body of Christ and only one mediator - 1 Tim 2:5
- c. *"holy nation"* - The only sanctified nation always Israel - Exo 19:6, Ps 147:20, Isa 26:1-2
  - i. The new creature not a nation, but a body w/o nation - 1Co 12:13, Col 3:11
- d. *"a peculiar people"* - What makes them peculiar is obedience - Deu 14:2, 26:18, Ps 135:4
  - i. The only way they could do is with the Spirit of the new covenant - Eze 36:24-28
  - ii. These are the spiritual "my people" of the new covenant - Heb 8:6-10, 10:29
  - iii. They have tasted grace to become a spiritual nation - 1 Peter 2:3-8, Mt 21:43
  - iv. There is Israel in the flesh and Israel in the Spirit. In the BoC, you are neither.

### 3. The People of 1 Peter 2:10

- a. ...are the same people of 1 Peter 2:9, but this knocks people off the boat.
- b. *"Israel was God's people. Gentiles were not. Therefore, this is Gentiles."* ← Naïve
- c. Who was Peter's audience? Strangers, not Gentiles - 1:1, 2:11-12, 4:3 → see Gal 2:15
  - i. Prophesied - 1:10, 18 - Future time of salvation - 1:5, 1:13
  - ii. Born again - 1 Pet 1:4, 1:23 → which describes 1 Pet 2:10 cf. Hos 1:10

### 4. The Prophesied People of God

- a. Hosea = a prophet to pre-Exile Israel.
- b. He had three children: Jezreel, Loruhamah (no mercy), Loammi (not my people)
- c. 1:9 - Israel called Loammi. 1:10-11 - Israel once again called Ammi - see 2:1
- d. 2:2-13 - God judges the adulterous woman (Israel)
- e. 2:14-23 - God calling her again in a new covenant → see it in Rom 9:25-28, 11:7

### 5. Hebrew Epistles are to Spiritual Israel

- a. Religious tradition calls Hebrews-Jude "General Epistles" or "Catholic epistles"
- b. Jesus audience was the same as his 12 apostles - Rom 15:8, John 20:21
- c. The audience of these epistles are the circumcision - Heb 13:14, Jam 1:1, **Gal 2:9**
- d. They do not identify a "church" because they are not written to a church, but a nation.
- e. If these epistles are to you, then you are spiritual Israel. But they are not to you.