

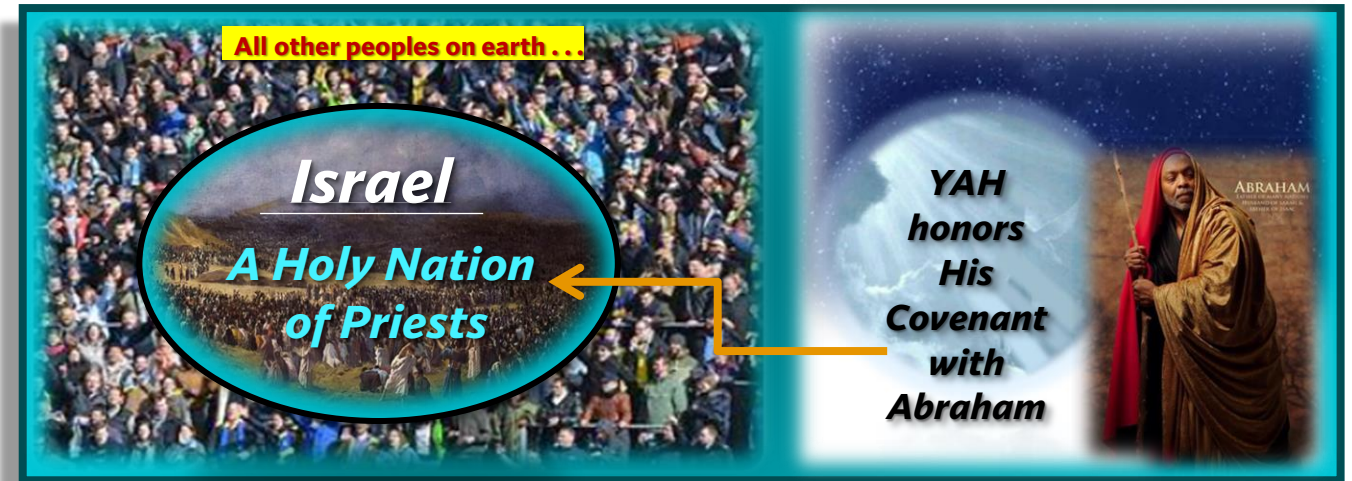
# ISRAEL WAS CHOSEN WITH AN ETERNAL PURPOSE!

## Why Israel???

Please review the video entitled “[The Beginnings](#)” for a historical background on YAH making the covenant with Abraham concerning him being the father of a great nation, Israel, as we won’t repeat that part of the story again here. We will in this Short Lesson, just look at the reasons that Israel was chosen and YAH’s eternal purpose for them.

So why was Israel chosen by YAH? Scripture says in **Deut 7:6-8** - “For you are a people holy to the LORD your Elohim. The LORD your Elohim has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.” <sup>7</sup>The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. <sup>8</sup>But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.”

And he goes on to say that he keeps “his **covenant of love** to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his **commandment**.” II Sam 7:24 – “You have established your people Israel as your very own forever, and you, LORD have become their Elohim.” The LORD also said in **Deut 9:6** – “Understand, then, that it is not because of your . . .



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righteousness that the LORD your Elohim is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stiff-necked people.” So, the choice was solely the LORD’s prerogative and nothing to do with Israel themselves. Now let’s look at the purposes in YAH’s eternal plans which center around this chosen people.

**#1 – Israel was to be a Holy Nation unto YAH: Ex 19:5-6** – “Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation...” **A Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation!** First, how was Israel to become a “Holy Nation”? **Answer** - YAH gave his laws of righteousness to Israel and not to any of the heathen nations. If they had been totally faithful to YAH

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... and kept all his commandments, they would have indeed been a “**holy nation**”. Of course, we know they failed that requirement and YAH had to judge them for their sins of disobedience, and this caused them to forfeit many blessings.

**What about a nation of priests?** Remember all the instructions about how to handle their sins as they traveled in the wilderness on their way to the promised land and the Tabernacle, and the Priests that served Israel as mediators between them and YAH? Well, all the years from Mt. Sinai where YAH gave his laws to them and the instruction for the construction of the Tabernacle, until the death, resurrection and ascension of Christ, **were years of practice and acquainting Israel with how the priesthood works**. They personally had a total of some **1,562** years to learn how the Levitical Priesthood worked as mediators and teaching them how to be a holy nation before YAH.

*[Please see video lessons on **The Day of Atonement** for details on the Tabernacle and the Priesthood]*

So how will these fifteen hundred years be useful to Israel in the future? We will answer that question a little later. So, what was another purpose in YAH's eternal plans for Israel?



*A nation called a “Royal Priesthood”*

**#2– Israel was to be a model nation to the rest of the nations:** *Gen. 12:2-3 – “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all people on earth will be blessed through you.”* And Moses says in *Deut 4:5-8* - “See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the LORD my Elohim commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>6</sup>Observe them carefully, for **this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations**, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. <sup>7</sup>**What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our Elohim is near us whenever we pray to him?** <sup>8</sup>**And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body**

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*of laws I am setting before you today?"* Israel was to set the example for the rest of the world to learn how to live and interact with YAH, the only true & living Elohim. *Isaiah 42:6* say, ". . . ***I will make you be a light for the Gentiles.***" They were to reveal the righteous standard for man to live & interact with YAH, *the creator of all*.

**#3 – The Messiah would be born from the nation of Israel:** *Isa. 7:14* - "Therefore the LORD will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel (YAH with us)." Also in *Isa. 49:5*, Yahusha speaking of himself says, "***... he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, ....***" confirms his birth for the salvation of Israel and a light for the Gentiles.

**#4 – YAH will fulfill his prophesy of the New Covenant with Israel spoken of in Jer. 31:31-34** – "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: <sup>32</sup>Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: <sup>33</sup>But this shall be



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*the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people.* <sup>34</sup>*And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ***Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them,*** saith the LORD: for ***I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.***"*

When YAH fulfills this prophesy, his law will **no longer be on stone tablets or on printed pages** – **this time, He places it into the very core of our being!** **HalleluYAH!!!!**

*[End of Part 1. Please see [Short Lesson #11 – Part 2](#) for the conclusion of this lesson.]*

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