

Messianic Jews Natsarenes

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The Glory of Yehoshua HaMashiach

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Today, most people don't understand what the term Gentiles means. Many people have different beliefs on what the term Gentiles means. Some people consider Gentiles as people who have a skin colour other than white skin (a neo-Nazi ideology: one race is superior to another. This is an Aryan race belief that is observed by many Christian denominations like the Churches of God), others think that they are people who live in less-developed countries (like Africa, Asia), and others believe that anyone who is non-Jewish is basically a Gentile.

The aim of this study is to examine the meaning and the identity of the Gentiles as per the Scriptures. This paper will answer the following key questions:

1. How many times do we see the word Gentiles or Gentile in the Scriptures?
2. What does the word Gentile or Gentiles mean, how did it originate, and who is a Gentile?
3. What is the future of Gentiles?

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Word	Number of times the word appears in the Scriptures
Gentiles	130
Gentile	2

Table 1: Gentiles and Gentile word count Table

What does the word Gentiles or Gentile mean, how did it originate and who is a Gentile?

The word Gentiles comes from the Hebrew word **gowy**. The word is also interpreted as **goy** or **go'-ee** (Strong's concordance number 1471). The word goy is a "multidimensional Hebrew word". When used in its correct Scriptural context, the term goy could either mean people of a nation, or heathen. Because of the multiple meanings of the word goy, it is important to understand the right context when understanding the Scriptures.

The word Gentile comes from the Greek word **Hellen**. The word is also interpreted as **Hel'-lane**. In the Messianic Scriptures (New Testament), the word is used to describe inhabitants (people) of the Roman/Greek Empire (Strong's concordance number 1672). The word Gentile in the Messianic Scriptures also originates from the word **ethnos**, which can also be interpreted as eth'-nos, meaning "a multitude of people of a nation" (Strong's concordance number 1484).

You need to understand that the word Gentile is not part of the Scriptures. It does not exist in any of the Hebrew or Greek manuscripts. The word Gentile was invented by the King James Bible translators and made its way into the Scriptures. The term goy means people of a nation(s), or heathen (see Table 2). This is the fundamental thing we need to understand about the term goy.

Word	Number of times the word appears in the Scriptures	Actual Hebrew Word used in Manuscripts
Nation	145	Goy (Concordance number 1471)
Nations	336	Goy (Concordance number 1471)
Heathen	150	Goy (Concordance number 1471)

Table 2: Nation, Nations, Heathen word count Table

The surprising fact is that the word goy is never translated to mean a non-Jew in Hebrew. Are you shocked to hear this? This is the truth.

Every Christian and Jew believes that they have one ancestral father which is father Abraham, the father of the faithful. Let us go back to the roots of the Scriptures and find out the meaning and the context of the word goy used by YHWH.

Genesis 12:2 – I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great and you shall be a blessing.

Genesis 17:20 – And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.

Genesis 18:18 – since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty **nation**, and all the **nations** of the earth shall be blessed in him.

Genesis 20:4 – But Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, “Lord, will You slay a righteous **nation** also?”

Genesis 21:13 – Yet I will also make a **nation** of the son of the bondwoman, because he is your seed.

Genesis 21:18 – Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with your hand, for I will make him a great **nation**.

Genesis 35:11 – Also God said to him: “I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a **nation** and a company of **nations** shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body.

Genesis 46:3 – So He said, “I am God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great **nation** there”.

Let us take two examples from the above verses and replace the word nation (the actual word) with Gentile and see how the Scriptures read:

Genesis 12:2 – I will make you a great **Gentile**; I will bless you and make your name great and you shall be a blessing.

Genesis 35:11 – Also God said to him: “I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a **Gentile** and a company of **Gentiles** shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body”.

As foolish as the above changed verses sound in the above two examples, this is exactly what the King James translators did. They have desecrated the Hebrew language with foolish meaningless terms like Gentiles because of the beliefs of foolish church/religious system. Because of the translation error, many people are classified by many religious systems as Gentiles, a term that even God (Elohim YHWH) did not create.

Similarly, let us replace the word nation (the actual word) with Non-Jewish and see how the verses read:

Genesis 12:2 – I will make you a great **Non-Jewish**; I will bless you and make your name great and you shall be a blessing.

Genesis 35:11 – Also God said to him: “I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a **Non-Jewish** and a company of **Non-Jewish** shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body”.

Again, the changed verses (as per the above two examples) do not make any sense because the context has been twisted and misunderstood. Today, 94% of Christian ministers and even Messianic preachers say that if you are non-Jewish then you are a Gentile. They are 100% wrong because their fundamentals are not correct!

As shown from the above examples, the word goy can only mean two things: people of a nation, or heathen. We will now look at how the word goy can also mean “heathen” from the Scriptures.

Leviticus 26:33 – I will scatter you among the **heathen** and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste.

2 Kings 16:3 – But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel; indeed he made his son pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the **heathen** whom the LORD had cast out from before the children of Israel.

Jeremiah 10:2 – Do not learn the way of the **heathen**; do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, For the heathen are dismayed at them.

Ezekiel 7:24 – Therefore I will bring the worst of the **heathen**, and they will possess their houses; I will cause the pomp of the strong to cease, and their holy places shall be defiled.

We will now look into the Messianic Scriptures (New Testament) and see how the words Nation (goy) and Gentile (goy) have been used in some of the verses:

Luke 7:5 – for he loves our **nation**, and has built us a synagogue.

Luke 23:2 – And they began to accuse Him, saying, “We found this fellow perverting the **nation**, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.

John 11:48 – If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and **nation**.

Romans 3:29 – Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the **Gentiles**? Yes, of the **Gentiles** also,

Romans 11:13 – For I speak to you **Gentiles**; in as much as I am an apostle to the **Gentiles**, I magnify my ministry

In the above verses, Romans 3:29 and Romans 11:13 the word must be translated as nations and not Gentiles because the

word used is ethnos. Similarly, the rest of the verses have been translated correctly.

Who is a Gentile?

For starters, no one is born a Gentile because this word does not exist in Hebrew. It is a man-made terminology invented by the King James translators. According to the Scriptures, you are either people of a nation or a heathen.

Every human being came from the blood-line of Adam and Eve. After the flood we all came from the blood-line of father Noah. Therefore, every human being has the same blood-line. That is why if you are white skinned, black skinned or brown skinned your blood colour is still red. Your blood is not white, black or brown. This is the fundamental thing you need to understand. Man and woman (every human being) were created in the image and glory of YHWH. **“And God created man in His own image: in the image of God He created them, male and female He created them (Genesis 1:27).”**

If you Church Ministers of any religious system think your so called “white race” is superior to another skin colour, guess what, you are going to the lake of Gehenna. Your religious church system that has originated from Nazi ideologies (system of your father Nimrod; seed of Serpent) is getting a VIP ticket to the lake of Gehenna. You religious preachers have desecrated everything that YHWH has made pure and holy. Therefore, you can spend the rest of your eternity in the lake of Gehenna for your Nazi ideologies. There is a saying, “Somebody has to go to the lake of Gehenna; well you might just go”.

For YHWH Yehoshua HaMashiach, there are only two options: either you are part of His people (that is, you live a life as per the Torah and the Scriptures), or you are classified as a heathen (the one who lives a life that is totally against the Torah and the Scriptures).

This is the same thing that Yehoshua HaMashiach said in the book of Revelation. **“I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars – I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you (Revelation 3:9)”**. Here, Yehoshua is talking about the Jewish people who claim to live by the Torah and the Tanakh, but have rejected the Holy One

who came as their saviour. Here Yehoshua classifies them as the seed of Satan.

The whole point is that you are not born a Gentile. The choice you make in life decides whether YHWH classifies you as a heathen or someone from another nation, or part of His chosen people. The word Gentile has nothing to do with your skin colour, which country you live in, or whether your ancestry came from the Jews. **If you live a life contrary to the Scriptures, you are automatically classified as a heathen.** For example, let us examine the lifestyle of most Christians. Their religious ideology is: just believe in sweet Jesus Christ as all the laws of God are now done away with and we are free from God’s law. It does not matter what sin you commit, whether you are a rapist, paedophile or a serial killer, just believe in sweet Jesus, you straight away get a one way ticket to Heaven. This is the classic example of a heathen (pagan).

The fundamental principal of the Torah is that there is one law for the native (the people of YHWH) and the stranger (a non-native or a heathen). **“There is one Torah for the native-born and for the stranger who sojourns among you” (Exodus 12:49).** Every human being is judged by the same standard of the Torah. It does not matter whether you are a Jew, Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Atheist or whatever religious system you belong to, there is only one Torah (Law).

If you live a life totally contrary to the Scriptures you automatically become a heathen or, according to the King James translators, a Gentile. If you live a life obedient to the whole Scriptures (not picking and choosing what you want to follow), then you can be guaranteed by YHWH that you are a true son/daughter of YHWH.

What is the future of Gentiles?

So, the question that people often ask is, “What would happen to the billions of people who live a life contrary to the Scriptures?” The Scriptures talks about a time of great tribulation (Matthew 24:21), and also a time when two witnesses (Revelation 11:3) would appear. During these horrific times, millions of heathens (Gentiles – people who live a life contrary to the Scriptures), for the first time in their life, would know about the true YHWH of Israel, and millions would embrace the way of YHWH (not the way of any religious system). They would forsake their man-made gods

and their religious systems, and would come back to the truth that would set them free (keep in mind that, while millions of people would change their heathen lifestyle, there would still be many people who would not change).

This is exactly what Jeremiah the Prophet saw of what would happen when the Kingdom of the Most High gets established.

“YHWH, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in time of distress, to you the nations (*Gentiles according to KJV translation*) will come from the ends of the earth and say, “Our ancestors possessed nothing but false gods, worthless idols that did them no good. Do people make their own gods? Yes, but they are not gods!” “Therefore I will teach them, this time I will teach them by my power and might. Then they will know that my name is YHWH.” (Jeremiah 16: 19-21).

Isaiah the prophet also said the Gentiles (nations) would come into the Way of YHWH in the millennial reign of the Messiah **“And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles (*other nations*) shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious” (Isaiah 11:10).**

The Scriptures show us that YHWH would be a light to the Gentiles in the millennium. **“I, the LORD, have called You in**

righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles (*other nations*), To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house” (Isaiah 42:6-7).

At the end of days, all people of every race, nation, tribe and skin colour will be united as ONE in YHWH. On that day there will be no religious church minister to teach falsely, but in that day YHWH will teach us His Way as Jeremiah and Isaiah the prophet said.

The prophet Micah said, **“And many nations (*Hebrew word goy*) shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (Micah 4:1-2).**

This is precisely what Revelation 7:9 states, **“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number (*billions of people*), of all nations (*Greek word ethnos*), tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”. AMEN. AMEN.**