

YT Video- Jewels Of YAHWEH

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Text [KJV unless otherwise indicated]

Exo 19:3 And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

Exo 19:4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

Exo 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then **ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people**: for all the earth is mine:

Exo 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

1Pe 2:10 Which in time past were not a people but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Tit 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Tit 2:14 **Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.**

I. Israel: A Peculiar Treasure

a. A Chosen Nation

ESV Deu 32:8 When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, **he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God.**

Deu 32:9 But **the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage.**

1. Corrupted translations: when God judged Babel, He divided the nations according to the 'number of the children of Israel'. Israel did not exist at that time!
2. Correct translation: He appointed angels to be in charge of the nations
3. In the course of time, He would appoint Israel as His people through Abraham, Isaac & Jacob

b. A called-out people

1. Abraham was called out from Ur
2. The Israelites were delivered by the hand of Moses from Egypt:

Hos 11:1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

Note: this verse also applied to Yeshua who was taken by Mary & Joseph to Egypt to escape King Herod's massacre of the children below two.

c. A holy nation, a kingdom of Priests

Exo 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

d. A nation free from idolatry

ESV Deu 7:3 You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons,

Deu 7:4 for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of the LORD would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly.

Deu 7:5 But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire.

Deu 7:6 "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

e. A people who do not get tattoos, cutting of the flesh and only eat clean food

ESV Deu 14:1 "You are the sons of the LORD your God. You shall not cut yourselves or make any baldness on your foreheads for the dead.

Deu 14:2 For you are a people holy to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

Deu 14:3 You shall not eat any abomination.

f. A people who obeys Him and walks in His ways

Deu 26:17 You have declared today that the LORD is your God, and that you will walk in his ways, and keep his statutes and his commandments and his rules and will obey his voice.

Deu 26:18 And the LORD has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, and that you are to keep all his commandments,

Deu 26:19 and that he will set you in praise and in fame and in honor high above all nations that he has made, and that you shall be a people holy to the LORD your God, as he promised."

II. Hebrew Word "Segulla"

H5459: *segûllâh*

BDB Definition:

1) possession, property

1a) valued property, peculiar treasure

1b) treasure

Strong: jewel, peculiar (treasure), proper good, special.

ESV Mal 3:17 They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him.

KJV Mal 3:17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

III. Greek Word “periousios” [G4041]

Translated by the Septuagint from the Hebrew word “Segulla” [H5459]

Thayer Definition:

1) that which is one's own, belonging to one's possessions

1a) a people selected by God from the other nations for his own possession

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

IV. Greek Word “peripoiēsis” [G4047]

Translated by the Septuagint from the Hebrew word “Segulla” [H5459]

From G4046; acquisition (the act or the thing); by extension preservation: - obtain (-ing), peculiar, purchased, possession, saving.

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1Pe 2:10 Which in time past were not a people but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

V. The English word “Peculiar”

Strange, weird, unique:

1Pe 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.

1Pe 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1Pe 4:3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

1Pe 4:4 Wherein they think it **strange** that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

1Pe 4:5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

a. The people of God are aliens, strange to the world, strangers and pilgrims:

1Pe 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as **strangers and pilgrims**, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

b. Our citizenship is in Heaven:

ESV Php 3:20 But our **citizenship is in heaven**, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ

VI. Gentile Followers of Christ: A Peculiar People

a. Come out

ESV Rev 18:4 Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "**Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues;**
Rev 18:5 for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

b. Touch Not the Unclean

2Co 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and **touch not the unclean thing**; and I will receive you,
2Co 6:18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

c. Walk as children of the light

Eph 5:7 Therefore do not become partners with them;
Eph 5:8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Walk as children of light**

d. Commonwealth of Israel

Eph 2:11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

Eph 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, **being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel**, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

e. A chosen family

*Gal 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye **Abraham's seed**, and heirs according to the promise.*

f. Specially selected: from not my people ['Loammi'] to His people

***Hos 2:23** And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.*

***1Pe 2:10** Which in time past were not a people but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.*

g. Purchased with His Blood

Act 20:28** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, **which he hath purchased with his own blood.

h. Spiritual Israel

***Gal 6:15** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.*

*Gal 6:16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon **the Israel of God.***

i. Holy nation

***1Pe 2:9** But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, **a holy nation**, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

j. Kingdom of Priests

***Rev 1:6** And hath made us **kings and priests** unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

VII. Jewels of YAHWEH

***KJV Mal 3:16** Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.*

*Mal 3:17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, **in that day when I make up my jewels**; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.*

Sep Mal 3:16 Thus spoke they that feared the Lord, everyone to his neighbour: and the Lord gave heed, and hearkened, and **he wrote a book of remembrance before him for them that feared the Lord and revered his name.**

Mal 3:17 And they shall be mine, saith the Lord Almighty, in the day which I appoint for a peculiar possession; and **I will make choice of them, as a man makes choice of his son that serves him.**

- a. From the KJV we get the translation of the Hebrew word “segullah” as jewels
- b. From the Septuagint, we get the idea that the jewels are not only His peculiar possession but will be His chosen sons
- c. From both translations, the jewels/sons are those who fear [reverence] YAHWEH and who esteem His Name

VIII. **Summation**

[see Charles Seet, “Motivations for being a Peculiar People” Life Bible-Presbyterian Church]

- a. The Privilege of being a peculiar people: a very special people to YAHWEH, a prized possession to be called His own
- b. The Price of being a peculiar people: the need to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts in order to “live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world’ [Tit 2:12]
- c. The Problems of being a peculiar people: we live in the midst of “a crooked and perverse generation” [Phi 2:15]
- d. The Power to be a peculiar people: the grace of God to motivate and enable us and the blessed hope of the Rapture [Tit 2:11-13]