

God's Election Through The Seed Of Abraham (Part 1)

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The God of glory appeared to Abraham

Acts 7:2 And he said, "Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran.

Glory is linked to God's calling and choosing

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning **chosen you** to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: 14 Whereunto he **called you** by our gospel, **to the obtaining of the glory** of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Abraham was called and chosen of God

Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Nehemiah 9:7-8 Thou art the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham; 8 And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous.

to inherit a heavenly land and a heavenly city

Hebrews 11:9-10,16 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. 16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. (??which is to come,? 13:14)

Reserved in heaven for God's chosen until the return of Christ

1 Peter 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you [?God's elect strangers,? v.1 NIV]

The seed of Abraham is the elect of God

Psalms 105:6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob **his chosen**.

Abraham's seed is through Isaac & Jacob

Genesis 17:18-19 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! 19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name **Isaac**: and **I will establish my covenant with him** for an everlasting covenant, and **with his seed** after him.

Romans 9:7-8 Neither, because they are **the seed of Abraham** (physically), *are they* all children (elect): but, **In Isaac shall thy (Abraham's) seed be called**. 8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God (Abraham's seed): but the children of the promise are counted for **the seed** (of Abraham).

Galatians 4:30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for **the son of the bondwoman** (Ishmael) **shall not be heir** with the son of the freewoman (Isaac).

Psalms 135:4 For **the LORD hath chosen Jacob** unto himself, *and Israel* for his peculiar treasure.

the people of Israel became the seed of Abraham

Isaiah 41:8 But thou, **Israel**, art my servant, Jacob whom **I have chosen**, the seed of Abraham my friend.

The nation of Israel was elect

Deuteronomy 14:2 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and **the LORD hath chosen thee** to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

Psalms 135:4 For **the LORD hath chosen** Jacob unto himself, and **Israel for his peculiar treasure**.

A special relationship with God

Amos 3:2 You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

The benefits of Israel's election

Romans 9:4-5 Who are **Israelites**; to whom pertaineth **the adoption**, and **the glory**, and **the covenants**, and **the giving of the law**, and **the service of God**, and **the promises**; 5 Whose are the fathers, and of whomas concerning **the flesh Christ came**, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen

Election is a covenant issue with Abraham's seed

Exodus 6:2-8 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD: 3 **And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob**, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them. 4 **And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan**, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. 5 And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and **I have remembered my covenant**. 6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: 7 And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 **And I will bring you in unto the land**, concerning the **which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob**; and **I will give it you** for an heritage (an inheritance): I am the LORD.

No election outside of Israel

Ephesians 2:12 That at that time ye (Gentiles) 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.

Israel was the church in the wilderness

Acts 7:38 This is he that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel that spake to him in the Mount Sinai, and with our fathers: who received living oracles to give unto us

the election of the seed of Abraham is "unconditional"

As to its purpose and fulfillment

Matthew 3:9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that **God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham**

Deuteronomy 7:6-8 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: **the LORD thy God hath chosen thee** to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. 7 **The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people**

: 8 **But** because the LORD loved you, and **because he would keep the oath** which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

1 Samuel 12:22 For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because **it hath pleased the LORD** to make you his people.

Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, **I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness [or mercy] have I drawn thee.**

Romans 11:1-2,5 I say then, **Hath God cast away his people? God forbid.** For I also **am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham**, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew? 5 Even so then at this present time also there is **a remnant according to the election of grace**

Romans 11:29 For the gifts and **the calling of God are irrevocable.** (NKJ)

It is "conditional" as to its actual individual participants

Exodus 12:19 Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be **cut off from the congregation of Israel**, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.

Romans 9:6 But it is not as though the word of God had failed (due to the majority of Israel's rejection of go spel). For not all who are descended from Israel (of the flesh or natural seed) belong to Israel (the seed of promise, Abrahams elect seed).

Romans 11:20-21 ??because of unbelief they (the majority of Israel) were broken off? 21? God spared not the natural branches...?