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Why Are The Gentiles Ignorant?

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RABBI Arthur Gilbert, in an article entitled, "Vatican II, A Jewish View," which appeared in *Jewish Heritage* for spring 1967, informs us that,

"... only 19 percent of American Catholics think of Peter and Paul and the Apostles as Jews, whereas 47 percent identify Judas as a Jew. The Christianization of the Old Testament has reached such a point that 15 percent of American Catholics identify Moses, David and Solomon as Christians rather than as Jews, and 11 percent suggest that the people picked by God in the Old Testament to be His chosen people were Christians.

Rabbi Gilbert is right. Many Gentiles are ignorant. Peter and Paul and the rest of the Apostles were all Jews who believed in Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Their faith in Christ did not make them Gentiles any more than Jewish believers in Christ today become Gentiles. They remain Jews. They are called Christian Jews or Jewish Christians, because they are followers of Christ. The terms "Christ" and "Messiah" have the same meaning, i.e., the Anointed One. Peter and Paul and the Apostles, as well as all other Jewish believers in Jesus Christ, are Jewish Messianists, or Christian Jews. Judas Iscariot, a Jew who betrayed Jesus, was one of the original twelve Apostles. He had the special distinction of being the treasurer of the whole group. Jesus knew that one of the Apostles would betray Him and kept Judas among them, that the "Scripture might be fulfilled" as recorded in Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22, wherein it is prophesied that Messiah would die as a sacrifice for sin.

HOW COULD MOSES BE A CHRISTIAN?

Moses, David and Solomon were all descendants of the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Jacob's name was changed to Israel after the struggle that took place in Peniel (which means "the face of God") between Jacob and the Angel, when Jacob said, "I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved" (Genesis, *sepher bereshit* 32:30). Moreover, David and Solomon descended from Judah, and were

Jews, since the word for Jew in Hebrew is *yehudi* and refers to all those people related to the great tribe of Judah. This being so, how could Moses, David and Solomon be called Christians?

Moses, David and Solomon cannot possibly be called Christians because the English word "Christ" is a derivation from the Greek language and is therefore not applicable to characters named in the Hebrew Scriptures. However, Moses, David and Solomon can properly be called Hebrew or Jewish Messianists, for they believed that God's plan of redemption would culminate in the coming of Messiah, God's Anointed One. Moses believed this. The first five books of the Bible are known as *torat Moshe*, the Torah of Moses. In these books Moses records for us, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, how mankind (Adam and Eve), when tempted by the enemy of God, sinned against God by their disobedience and were punished for their sin. At the same time, God gave us a ray of hope in this story of sin and its punishment. Not always will the enemy of God and man succeed in condemning man forever to the consequences of his disobedience, for God says in Genesis, *sepher bereshit* 3:15,

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

The meaning is clear. There will be specific enmity between a descendant of Eve (her seed) and the descendant of the

primeval serpent, Satan. It will end in the crushing of Satan's head, and the bruising of the heel of the seed of Eve, the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Is it an overstatement to say that these words from Genesis, *sepher bereshit* 3:15 point clearly to the Messiahship of Jesus, when Moses definitely indicated that the subsequent revelations of God would declare it? It is the Messiah Himself who crushes the head of the serpent and reveals Himself as the Seed of Abraham in whom all the nations of the world would be blessed, as Jehovah Himself declared to Abraham:

And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba (Genesis, *sepher bereshit* 22:18, 19).

In this same book of the Bible (Genesis) we read that He, the Anointed One, is the One who is to come while the lineage of Judah's rulers is still intact and before the Roman hordes remove the last vestige of Israel's sovereignty.

The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be (Genesis, *sepher bereshit* 49:10).

SOLUTION OF THE GENTILE PROBLEM

We Jews are a proud people. God has chosen us of all people and revealed Himself unto us. He has given us the Torah and we received it. No wonder we thank God daily

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that "He has not made us like the Gentiles of the world and He has not placed us like the other families of the earth; He has not made our portion like theirs nor has He made our lot like all their multitude." We are also proud of those Gentiles who were pagans and came to join us "under the wings of the Shekhinah," as we like to express it. Few and far between have been these converts. At one time the word went out that thousands of Japanese had become Jews, and then it developed that there was only one Japanese who had accepted Judaism and that he went on a lecture tour throughout the United States. Recently there was hope that the inhabitants of Majorca Island in the Mediterranean Sea east of Spain who were helped by the authorities to emigrate to Israel would become Jews. But all returned to their own country.

When we compare the number of Jews with the multitudes of Gentiles in the world we may wonder what happens to all of these millions, even billions, of Gentiles whom our God created. Is there no plan, no provision for them in the purposes of God? Or to state the problem differently, suppose a rabbi were to convert a thousand, or ten thousand, Gentiles to the Jewish faith, we would probably say that he had proved the superiority of Judaism and enriched the Jewish people. Even the greatest of our rabbis, Maimonides, did not convert a dozen Gentiles, whereas Jesus Christ converted not only dozens of Gentiles but caused tens and hundreds of thousands of Gentiles to throw away their pagan gods and turn to worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of Israel, the God of the Hebrew Scriptures, Who created heaven and earth. Is not Jesus Christ the true Messiah of Israel?

WHO FORETOLD THE COMING OF MESSIAH?

This is a solemn question and deserves a solemn answer. To such a question there can be but one true answer, namely, that in spite of all prejudice, Jesus Christ and none other is the true Messiah of Israel. It was foretold by Jacob and recorded by Moses in Deuteronomy 18:15-19. Moses knew the answer to the question and placed it on record in Genesis, *sepher bereshit* 49:10 when father Jacob blessed his children, revealing to them that which would happen in the last days. Of his twelve sons, he singled out Judah as the one whom his brothers would praise and from whom the sceptre would descend to the Lawgiver which took place with the establishment of the Davidic kingdom in Jerusalem and was to last with a short break of seventy years for the Babylonian captivity to the time when Shiloh (Messiah) would come, the One to whom the kingdom truly belongs, for thus is the word "Shiloh" interpreted

by our Jewish commentators. The proof of Messiah's identity are the words, "and unto him shall the gathering of the people be" (the Hebrew word for "people" or nations is *amin*). Many people will come and claim to be Shiloh (Messiah) in fulfillment of father Jacob's prophecy, but their claims will be proved false. God has chosen only One to be the true Messiah of Israel, the Redeemer of Jew and Gentile. To this One will the nations hearken, as the Midrash teaches,

veloh yikhat... The Hebrew word *yikhat* means the One to whom in the future the nations shall gather around, as it is written in Isaiah 11, "And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, who shall stand for an ensign of the peoples; to him shall the Gentiles seek, and his rest shall be glorious" (Midrash Tanhume, ad loc.).

The author of the Midrash who expressed this opinion knew the meaning of the Word of God, but he may not have known personally the One in whom this prophecy has been fulfilled; but we believe that Jacob knew and so did Moses.

And now you, the reader, may know it too. Will you not at least consider and think about it and lay aside your prejudices? If you are willing to do this, you can receive Jesus Christ as your true Messiah.

The nations still do not know the truth about Moses, David and Solomon. But the fault lies with the Jews as well as with the Christians. Have we gone to tell the nations about it? Have our rabbis told them? Even if they had done so, could they expect that the nations would truly follow the rabbinical teachings of the centuries and that the Gentiles would receive them as the Word of God?

WHO WILL THE NATIONS SEEK?

The way of redemption is through a Redeemer — Shiloh — the Messiah. The nations will pay no attention to us as Jews unless we accept and proclaim Messiah, Who is the seed of Eve and the seed of Abraham in whom all the nations of the world are blessed, and who is the descendant of Jacob and Judah, the "root of Jesse, who shall stand for an ensign of the peoples; to him shall the nations seek, and his rest shall be glorious." This is He whom the Gentiles seek.

God has chosen us, the Jewish people. We are the people of God, as Isaiah says, "This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise" (43:21). This choice of us by our God was that we might show forth His praise to the nations, the Gentiles. This we can do only through Jesus Christ, Israel's Messiah.

We herewith invite you to join us that we may make the Messiah of God our very own Messiah and make Him known to Jew and Gentile. Only in this way can you fulfill your duty as a member of God's chosen people, **the Jews.**

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פאַרזונאַם ווייַסן נימ די גוים?

פון ירחמיאל פרידלאַנד

דערציילט, ווי אזוי אדם און חוה האָבן געזיג דיסט און ווי אזוי די קללה איז געקומען אין דער וועלט אריין א רעוולטאט פון זייער עבירה. אָבער צו דער גלייכער צייט האָט גאָט זיי געגעבן א שטראַל פון האָפענונג: ניט אימער וועט עס געלינגען דעם שטן, דעם שונא פון גאָט און מענטשן, אונדז מנצה צו זיין. אָבער גאָט זאָגט אין בראשית, ג' 15:

און א פיינטשאפט וועל איך מאַכן צווישן דיר און צווישן דער פרוי, און צווישן דיין זאָמען און צווישן איר זאָמען; ער וועט דיר טרעפן (צעטרעטן) איר קאָפּ, און דו וועסט אים טרעפן איר טריט.

די באדייטונג איז קלאָר. עס וועט אנטשטיין א ספעציפישע פיינטשאפט צווישן איינעם וואָס וועט אָפּשטאַמען פון אונדזער מאמען חוה (איר זאָמען) און דעם אָפּשטאַם פון נחש הקדמוני, דער אייביקער שלאַנג. דער סוף וועט זיין, אז דער קאָפּ פונעם שטן וועט צעטרעטן ווערן און אז די טריט פון חוהס זאָמען, משיח, וועט פאַר-וואונדעט ווערן. צי קענען ניט די ווערטער פון חומש בראשית אונדז דווקא אָנווייזן, אז ישוע

קרוב פאַר אונדזערע עבירות, אין ישועה נ"ג און תהילים כ"ב.

משה רבינו, דוד און שלמה המלך, שטאַמען פון אברהם, יצחק און יעקב אָבינו. יעקב איז שפעטער געוואָרן ישראל נאָך דעם קאַמף צווישן יעקב אָבינו און א מאן, וועלכער ווערט באשריבן אין בראשית ל"ב, „איך האָב געזען גאָט פנים אל-פנים, און מיין זעל איז ניצול געוואָרן.“ ווידער דוד און שלמה המלך זענען אָפּשטאַמיקע פון שבט יהודה, דעריבער זיינען זיי יידן, וואָרים דאָס וואָרט „ייד“ איז פאַרבונדן מיט יהודה און אַלע וואָס זיינען אין פאַרבינדונג מיט דעם גרויסן שבט.

משה רבינו אַ משיח?

מען קען ניט רופן משה רבינו, דוד און שלמה המלך קריסטן, ווייל דאָס וואָרט שטאַמט פון דער גריכישער שפראַך און דער תנ"ך איז א העברייאיש ספר. אָבער דאָך זיינען זיי געווען יהודים משיחים, ווייל זיי האָבן געגלויבט, אז גאָטס פלאַן פון גאולה וועט זיך ענדיקן מיטן קומען פון משיח, גאָטס געזאַלכטן. משה רבינו האָט אזוי געגלויבט. אין תורת משה ווערט אונדז

ראַכט אַרטור גילבערט, אין זיין שריפט „דער וואַטיקאַן קאָמיטעט — פון א יידישן שטאַנדפונקט“, אינפאָרמירט אונדז ווי פאָלגט:

נאָר 19 פראָצענט קאָסטליקן דענקען אַז פעטרוס און פאַולוס און די אַנדערע אָפּאָסטאָלן זיינען יידן, און 47 פראָצענט אידענטיפיצירן יהודה אים קיריות אַלט ייד. מען האָט אזוי פאַרקריסטלעכט דעם תנ"ך, אַז 15 פראָצענט פון די אַמעריקאַנער קאַ-סאָליקן מיינען אַז משה, דוד און שלמה זיינען געווען קריסטן און ניט אַז זיי זיינען געווען יידן און 11 פראָצענט דענקען, אַז דאָס פאָלק וואָס גאָט האָט אויסגעוויילט אינם תנ"ך (אַלטן טעסטאַמענט), אַז זיי זאָלן זיין דאָס אויסגעוויילטע פאָלק, זיינען געווען קריסטן.

דער ראַכט איז גערעכט. פיל גוים ווייסן ניט דעם אמת. שמעון פעטרוס און שאול אים תרשיש, וואָס איז גערופן פאַולוס, און אַלע אַנ-דערע אָפּאָסטאָלן (שליחים), זענען אַלע געווען יידן וואָס האָבן געגלויבט אין ישוע המשיח. זייער אמונה אין משיח האָט זיי ניט געמאַכט פאַר גוים ח"ו, אזוי ווי אפילו היינט-צו-טאָג פאַרבלייבן מיר, וואָס גלויבן אין ישוע המשיח, עכטע ערנסטע יידן. מען רופט אונדז משיחים (קריסטן), ווייל מיר גלויבן אין משיח. דאָס איז דער טייטש: אין דעם געזאַלכטן. דאָס גריכישע וואָרט קריסטוס איז אויך דער טייטש: דער גע-זאַלכטער. יהודה אים קיריות איז געווען איינער פון די צוועלף שליחים און ער איז געווען דער גוזר (קאָסירער) אין דער דאָזיקער חברה. ישוע המשיח האָט גוט געוואוסט, אַז איינער פון זיינע תלמידים וועט אים פאַרראַטן, אָבער ער האָט עס געטאָן כדי די ווערטער פון דער תורה זאָלן דער-פילט ווערן, וואָס באַשרייבן משיחם שטאַרבן א

צי קען מען מאַכן א ייד פון א גוי?

וואָס געשעט ווען א גוי קומט צו דער איבערצייגונג, אַז די תורה איז אמת? ווי אזוי זאָל ער געפינען פאַרגעבונג פאַר זיינע זינד וואָס ער איז באַגאַנגען קעגן גאָט פון ישראל? מוז ער זיך מלה זיין און היטן אַלע דינים?

שרייבט אונדז און מיר וועלן אייך צושיקן אומזיסט דאָס אינטערעסאַנטע ביכעלע, די געשיכטע פון א גוי וואָס האָט אויפגענומען „דעם גאַנצן אמת פון יידישקייט אזוי ווי עס איז געשריבן אינם תנ"ך.“ אונדזער אַדרעס איז:

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