

**April 3, 2009 Messianic Service
People of Promise
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Torah Portion:

Deuteronomy 14:2

² For you *are* a holy people to the L-RD your G-d, and the L-RD has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who *are* on the face of the earth.

Service Portion:

1. Chosen for his glory

Deuteronomy 7:6-8

⁶ “For you *are* a holy people to the L-RD your G-d; the L-RD your G-d has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. ⁷ The L-RD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; ⁸ but because the L-RD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the L-RD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

2. Chosen to be a blessing

Genesis 12:1-3

¹ Now the L-RD had said to Abram:

“Get out of your country,
From your family
And from your father’s house,
To a land that I will show you.

² I will make you a great nation;
I will bless you
And make your name great;
And you shall be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

3. Chosen to be a holy nation and kingdom of priests

Exodus 19:5&6

⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine. ⁶ And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

Romans 11:11-15&29

¹¹ I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation *has come* to the Gentiles. ¹² Now if their fall *is* riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

¹³ For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, ¹⁴ if by any means I may provoke to jealousy *those who are* my flesh and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their being cast away *is* the reconciling of the world, what *will* their acceptance *be* but life from the dead?

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of G-d *are* irrevocable.

4. Chosen to carry the oracles of G-d

Romans 3:1&2

¹ What advantage then has the Jew, or what *is* the profit of circumcision? ² Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of G-d.

5. Chosen to bring forth the Messiah

Romans 9:1-5

¹ I tell the truth in Messiah, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, ² that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Messiah for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, ⁴ who are Israelites, to whom *pertain* the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service *of G-d*, and the promises; ⁵ of whom *are* the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Messiah *came*, who is over all, *the* eternally blessed G-d. Amen.

6. You are chosen!

1Peter 2:9&10

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of G-d, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

2 Corinthians 1:19&20 NIV

¹⁹For the Son of G-d, Yeshua the Messiah, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy, was not "Yes" and "No," but in him it has always been "Yes." ²⁰For no matter how many promises G-d has made, they are "Yes" in Messiah. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of G-d.

Ephesians 2:11-13

¹¹ Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—¹² that at that time you were without Messiah, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without G-d in the world. ¹³ But now in Yeshua the Messiah you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Messiah.