

WHY JEWS CHOSEN – ADDENDA

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“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.” Proverbs 25:11

Jews were neither chosen at our exclusion nor were they God’s “favorites”.

Moreover, Abraham was a gentile living in Ur of the Chaldees (Gen. 11:28 & 31; cp. Gen. 23:4, 10, 29, 27:43, 25:20; Deu. 26:5) until, at age 99, he circumcised himself and thereby became the first “Jew” (Gen. 17:24).

It’s like preachers and teachers are God’s *dorea* gifts to the Church (Eph. 4) – not that you were excluded by God.

Rather, God is saying: “I love you so much I’m going to give you GIFTS to encourage, teach, exhort, and help you know me, know about me – that you may better understand my thoughts and plans.

But remember, they are only your brothers in Messiah Jesus (Mat. 23:8); you are all brothers. They are not your overlords. They are to lead by example (1 Pet. 5:3; Eph. 4:11).

So watch, observe, and learn from your Elder, but put your faith in Jesus.

Similarly, the Jew was God’s GIFT to a world full of idolatry as witnesses of both the reality and goodness of the true, living God.

The Jews were to be the vehicle through which the Messiah would come such that the lineage of anyone so professing could be checked out (Deu. 18:15-19; 2 Sam. 7:12-17).

They were chosen to be living testimonies as to the blessedness of serving the only God.

They were chosen to receive, write, copy, and preserve for all mankind the living words handed down from the Creator (Rom. 3:1-2, 1 Pet. 2:21).

Yes, God gave them great promises, but with these came great responsibilities.

Again, the Jew was not selected at our exclusion but was chosen to bear witness of the only true God so that He might bless all who would come to Him through them.

In effect, the LORD was saying: “I love you guys—here, this son of Abraham will explain.”

The Church is supposed to be carrying on this ministry today.

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