

Ephesians Series

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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Gentile Deficits
Ephesians 2:12

Eph. 2:11, “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—

Eph. 2:12, “that at that time you 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 you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

**What the Bible Teaches
About**

Circumcision



**6. The spiritual significance of
circumcision is related to dedication
and submission to God and His plan.**

**Lev. 26:41; Deut. 10:16, and
Deut. 30:6**

Lev. 26:41, “and that I also have walked contrary to them and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they accept their guilt—”

Deut. 10:16, “Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.”

Context

Deut. 10:12, “And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

Deut. 10:13, “and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?”

Deut. 30:6, “And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.”

Col. 2:11, “In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,”

Rom. 6:4, “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Rom. 6:5, “For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

Rom. 6:6, “knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”

Gal. 3:26, “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gal. 3:27, “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal. 3:28, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gal. 3:29, “And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

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**καιρός *kairōs* masc sing
dat “time, a period of
time,” which extended
from the time of the call
of Avram in Gen. 12:1–3
to the day of Pentecost,
AD 33**

The Ages of Civilization

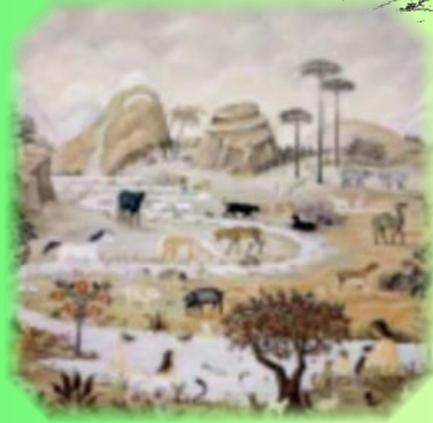
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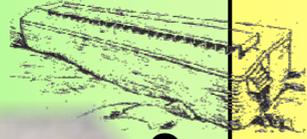
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**εἰμί *eimi* 2 plur imperf
indic “to be, exist”,
imperfect tense
indicates continual
action in past time**

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χωρίς *choris* in this case as a preposition with the genitive to the absence or lack of something, without, apart from

**מָשִׁיחַ *mashiach*
masc sing abs
anointed one**

Jewish Privileges in Romans

- 1. God granted them the privilege of being the custodians of the Scriptures.**

Rom. 3:1, “What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision?”

Rom. 3:2, “Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.”

Jewish Privileges in Romans

2. Jews were granted privilege of priority in the apostolic age, “to the Jew first.”

Rom. 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

Jewish Privileges in Romans

- 3. Jews had the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the promises, the Law, serving God in the Tabernacle/Temple, and as a kingdom of priests.**

Rom. 9:4, “who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises;”

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Jewish Privileges in Romans

- 4. The Jews were granted to provide for the line of the humanity of the Messiah.**

Rom. 9:5, “of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.”

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“being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel”

**ἀπαλλοτριόω *apallotrioo* perf pass part
masc plur nom**

“to estrange, alienate, to be excluded, be a stranger;”

the perfect tense indicates a past completed action (as a result of the Abrahamic Covenant) with emphasis on the ongoing results.

“being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel”

**πολιτεία *politeia* fem sing gen
citizenship; civic life in relation to a
government or state; manner of life**

Eph. 2:19, “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,”

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