ALIENS

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I am trying to understand how [Gentile](gen-jew.html) believers "fit" with [HaShem](hashem.html)'s plan for Israel. A [Gentile](gen-jew.html) who is interested in moving closer to [HaShem](hashem.html) is called a *ger*. Strong’s concordance defines a *ger* as:

1616 ger, gare; or (fully) geyr, gare; from 1481; prop. a guest; by impl. a foreigner:-alien, sojourner, stranger. ^ gur. See 1482.

Let’s begin this [study](study.html) by examining the verses which [speak](mashal.html) of the "alien living among you (Israel)":

***Shemot (***[***Exodus***](exodus.html)***) 12:48-49*** *"An alien living among you who* [*wants*](needs.html) *to celebrate* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*’s* [*Passover*](passover.html) *must have all the males in his* [*household*](househld.html)[*circumcised*](circumcz.html)*; then he may take part like* [*one*](one.html) *born in the land. No uncircumcised* [*male*](male%2Bfemale.html) *may* [*eat*](eating.html) *of it. The same* [*law*](law.html) *applies to the native-born and to the alien living among you."*

***Bamidbar (***[***Numbers***](nchart.html)***) 9:14*** *"'An alien living among you who* [*wants*](needs.html) *to celebrate* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*’s* [*Passover*](passover.html) *must do so in accordance with its rules and regulations. You must have the same regulations for the alien and the native-born.'"*

The [Gentile](gen-jew.html) who was turning to [HaShem](hashem.html) was allowed to celebrate the [Passover](passover.html) if all males in his [household](househld.html) were [circumcised](circumcz.html). This was [one](one.html) of the final steps of the conversion process. As a convert, he had all the same rules that the Israelites had.

***Shemot (***[***Exodus***](exodus.html)***) 12:14-20*** *"This is a day you are to commemorate; for the* [*generations*](toldot.html) *to come you shall celebrate it as a* [*festival*](festival.html) *to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*--a lasting ordinance. For* [*seven*](seven.html) *days you are to* [*eat*](eating.html) *bread made without* [*yeast*](chametz.html)*. On the* [*first*](one.html) *day remove the* [*yeast*](chametz.html) *from your houses, for whoever* [*eats*](eating.html) *anything with* [*yeast*](chametz.html) *in it from the* [*first*](one.html) *day through the seventh must be cut off from Israel. On the* [*first*](one.html) *day hold a* [*sacred assembly*](rehearse.html)*, and another* [*one*](one.html) *on the seventh day. Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare* [*food*](food.html) *for everyone to* [*eat*](eating.html)*--that is all you may do. "Celebrate the Feast of* [*Unleavened*](chametz.html) *Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions* [*out of Egypt*](thebirth.html)*. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the* [*generations*](toldot.html) *to come. In the* [*first*](one.html) *month you are to* [*eat*](eating.html) *bread made without* [*yeast*](chametz.html)*, from the evening of the* [*fourteenth*](fourteen.html) *day until the evening of the* [*twenty*](twenty.html)*-*[*first*](one.html) *day. For* [*seven*](seven.html) *days no* [*yeast*](chametz.html) *is to be found in your houses. And whoever* [*eats*](eating.html) *anything with* [*yeast*](chametz.html) *in it must be cut off from the* [*community*](community.html) *of Israel, whether he is an alien or native-born.* [*Eat*](eating.html) *nothing made with* [*yeast*](chametz.html)*. Wherever you live, you must* [*eat*](eating.html)[*unleavened*](chametz.html) *bread."*

In the above passage we can see that the [*community*](community.html) *of Israel* was composed of native born and the aliens (gerim). [Eating](eating.html) [yeast](chametz.html) during Hag HaMatza was not optional for the [community](community.html) of Israel.

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 16:29-31*** *"This is to be a lasting ordinance for you: On the tenth day of the seventh month you must deny yourselves and not do any work--whether native-born or an alien living among you-- Because on this day* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *will be made for you, to cleanse you. Then, before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, you will be* [*clean*](purity.html) *from all your* [*sins*](sin.html)*. It is a* [*Sabbath*](sabbath.html) *of rest, and you must deny yourselves; it is a lasting ordinance.*

The alien was required to observe the Day of [Atonement](kippur.html). Lets see what the Torah says are some of the other requirements for these aliens who have turned to [HaShem](hashem.html).

***Shemot (***[***Exodus***](exodus.html)***) 20:8-11*** *"Remember the* [*Sabbath*](sabbath.html) *day by keeping it holy.* [*Six*](six.html) *days you shall labor and do all your work, But the seventh day is a* [*Sabbath*](sabbath.html) *to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in* [*six*](six.html) *days* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *made the* [*heavens*](heaven.html) *and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *blessed the* [*Sabbath*](sabbath.html) *day and made it holy.*

***Shemot (***[***Exodus***](exodus.html)***) 23:12*** *"*[*Six*](six.html) *days do your work, but on the seventh day do not work, so that your ox and your* [*donkey*](chamor.html) *may rest and the slave born in your* [*household*](househld.html)*, and the alien as well, may be refreshed.*

***Devarim (Deuteronomy) 5:12-15*** *"Observe the* [*Sabbath*](sabbath.html) *day by keeping it holy, as* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God has commanded you.* [*Six*](six.html) *days you shall labor and do all your work, But the seventh day is a* [*Sabbath*](sabbath.html) *to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your ox, your* [*donkey*](chamor.html) *or any of your animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your manservant and maidservant may rest, as you do. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God brought you out of there with a mighty* [*hand*](fourteen.html) *and an outstretched arm. Therefore* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God has commanded you to observe the* [*Sabbath*](sabbath.html) *day.*

The alien was required to rest on [Shabbat](sabbath.html). Since the [Shabbat](sabbath.html) wa given as a [sign](signs.html) of the [covenant](covenant.html) between the [Jew](gen-jew.html) and [HaShem](hashem.html), we [know](daat.html) that the alien is a convert, he is now a part of the [covenant](covenant.html)!

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 17:8-9*** *"Say to them: 'Any Israelite or any alien living among them who offers a* [*burnt offering*](korbanot.html) *or* [*sacrifice*](korbanot.html) *And does not bring it to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting to* [*sacrifice*](korbanot.html) *it to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*--that man must be cut off from his people.*

The alien was *required* to bring his [sacrifice](korbanot.html) to the same place an Israelite did. Since only members of the [covenant](covenant.html) were allowed in the courtyard of Israel, to make this [offering](korbanot.html), we can see that the alien is a [Gentile](gen-jew.html) who has accepted the Torah and entered the [covenant](covenant.html) and become a part of Israel. He is no longer a [Gentile](gen-jew.html), he is now a [Jew](gen-jew.html)!

[Yeshua](yeshua.html) is the [atonement](atonemen.html) for the [Gentiles](gen-jew.html) (the [world](worlds.html)). In this way He plays the role of [Yitzchak](isaac.html) ([Isaac](isaac.html)) when he was bound by [Avraham](avraham.html). In the same way that [Yitzchak](isaac.html) was an [atonement](atonemen.html) for the [Jews](gen-jew.html), so also was [Yeshua](yeshua.html) an [atonement](atonemen.html) for the [Gentiles](gen-jew.html). He was the Lamb of God, He was the sacrificial [offering](korbanot.html) required of all [Gentiles](gen-jew.html) as part of the conversion process. He is therefore a replacement for the lamb of conversion which can no longer be brought because the [Temple](temple.html) was destroyed. [Jews](gen-jew.html) do not need this lamb because they converted at Mt. [Sinai](stages.html) in the days of Moses and thus have no need of the conversion lamb.

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 17:10-14*** *"'Any Israelite or any alien living among them who* [*eats*](eating.html) *any* [*blood*](body.html)*--I will set my* [*face*](body.html) *against that person who* [*eats*](eating.html)[*blood*](body.html) *and will cut him off from his people. For the life of a creature is in the* [*blood*](body.html)*, and I have given it to you to make* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for yourselves on the altar; it is the* [*blood*](body.html) *that makes* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for* [*one*](one.html)*'s life. Therefore I say to the Israelites, "None of you may* [*eat*](eating.html)[*blood*](body.html)*, nor may an alien living among you* [*eat*](eating.html)[*blood*](body.html)*." "'Any Israelite or any alien living among you who hunts any animal or bird that may be* [*eaten*](eating.html) *must drain out the* [*blood*](body.html) *and cover it with earth, Because the life of every creature is its* [*blood*](body.html)*. That is why I have said to the Israelites, "You must not* [*eat*](eating.html) *the* [*blood*](body.html) *of any creature, because the life of every creature is its* [*blood*](body.html)*; anyone who* [*eats*](eating.html) *it must be cut off."*

The aliens, as a part of the [covenant](covenant.html) and having the same [law](law.html) as the rest of Israel, was forbidden to [eat](eating.html) [blood](body.html).

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 17:15-16*** *"'Anyone, whether native-born or alien, who* [*eats*](eating.html) *anything found dead or torn by wild animals must wash his clothes and bathe with water, and he will be ceremonially unclean till evening; then he will be* [*clean*](purity.html)*. But if he does not wash his clothes and bathe himself, he will be held responsible.'"*

The alien was not allowed to [eat](eating.html) already dead animals without becoming unclean, the same [law](law.html) that applied to the native born [Jew](gen-jew.html).

***Devarim (Deuteronomy) 14:21*** *Do not* [*eat*](eating.html) *anything you find already dead. You may give it to an alien living in any of your towns, and he may* [*eat*](eating.html) *it, or you may sell it to a foreigner (ger). But you are a people holy to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God. Do not cook a young goat in its mother's milk.*

This is baffling...How do we have the same [law](law.html) and allow this?

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 20:1-8***[*HaShem*](hashem.html) *said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites: 'Any Israelite or any alien living in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech must be put to death. The people of the* [*community*](community.html) *are to stone him. I will set my* [*face*](body.html) *against that man and I will cut him off from his people; for by giving his children to Molech, he has defiled my* [*sanctuary*](mikdash.html) *and profaned my holy* [*name*](name.html)*. If the people of the* [*community*](community.html) *close their* [*eyes*](body.html) *when that man gives* [*one*](one.html) *of his children to Molech and they fail to put him to death, I will set my* [*face*](body.html) *against that man and his family and will cut off from their people both him and all who follow him in prostituting themselves to Molech. "'I will set my* [*face*](body.html) *against the person who turns to mediums and spiritists to prostitute himself by following them, and I will cut him off from his people. "'Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God. Keep my decrees and follow them. I am* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, who makes you holy.*

The alien was not allowed to offer his children to Molech.

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 22:17-20***[*HaShem*](hashem.html) *said to Moses, "*[*Speak*](mashal.html) *to Aaron and his sons and to all the Israelites and say to them: 'If any of you--either an Israelite or an alien living in Israel--presents a gift for a* [*burnt offering*](korbanot.html) *to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, either to fulfill a vow or as a* [*freewill*](freewill.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html)*, You must present a* [*male*](male%2Bfemale.html) *without defect from the cattle, sheep or goats in order that it may be accepted on your behalf. Do not bring anything with a defect, because it will not be accepted on your behalf.*

His [burnt offering](korbanot.html) was the same as an Israelites'.

***Vayikra (Leviticus) 24:10-23*** *Now the son of an Israelite mother and an Egyptian father went out among the Israelites, and a fight broke out in the* [*camp*](stages.html) *between him and an Israelite. The son of the Israelite woman blasphemed the* [*Name*](name.html) *with a curse; so they brought him to Moses. (His mother's* [*name*](name.html) *was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri the Danite.) They put him in custody until the will of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *should be made clear to them. Then* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *said to Moses: "Take the blasphemer outside the* [*camp*](stages.html)*. All those who heard him are to lay their* [*hands*](fourteen.html) *on his* [*head*](body.html)*, and the entire assembly is to stone him. Say to the Israelites: 'If anyone curses his God, he will be held responsible; Anyone who blasphemes the* [*name*](name.html) *of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *must be put to death. The entire assembly must stone him. Whether an alien or native-born, when he blasphemes the* [*Name*](name.html)*, he must be put to death. "'If anyone takes the life of a human being, he must be put to death. Anyone who takes the life of someone's animal must make restitution--life for life. If anyone injures his neighbor, whatever he has done must be done to him: Fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. As he has injured the other, so he is to be injured. Whoever kills an animal must make restitution, but whoever kills a man must be put to death. You are to have the same* [*law*](law.html) *for the alien and the native-born. I am* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God.'" Then Moses* [*spoke*](mashal.html) *to the Israelites, and they took the blasphemer outside the* [*camp*](stages.html) *and stoned him. The Israelites did as* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *commanded Moses.*

Blasphemer were to be stoned by the native born and the alien. The same [law](law.html) applied to Israelites and aliens.

***Bamidbar (***[***Numbers***](nchart.html)***) 15:14-16*** *For the* [*generations*](toldot.html) *to come, whenever an alien or anyone else living among you presents an* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *made by* [*fire*](fire.html) *as an aroma pleasing to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, he must do exactly as you do. The* [*community*](community.html) *is to have the same rules for you and for the alien living among you; this is a lasting ordinance for the* [*generations*](toldot.html) *to come. You and the alien shall be the same before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*: The same* [*laws*](law.html) *and regulations will apply both to you and to the alien living among you.'"*

The sacrificial [law](law.html) applied to both the Israelite and the alien.

***Bamidbar (***[***Numbers***](nchart.html)***) 15:22-31*** *"'Now if you unintentionally fail to keep any of these* [*commands*](cmds613.html)[*HaShem*](hashem.html) *gave Moses-- Any of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*’s* [*commands*](cmds613.html) *to you through him, from the day* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *gave them and continuing through the* [*generations*](toldot.html) *to come-- And if this is done unintentionally without the* [*community*](community.html) *being aware of it, then the whole* [*community*](community.html) *is to offer a young bull for a* [*burnt offering*](korbanot.html) *as an aroma pleasing to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, along with its prescribed grain* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *and drink* [*offering*](korbanot.html)*, and a* [*male*](male%2Bfemale.html) *goat for a* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html)*. The* [*priest*](priests.html) *is to make* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *for the whole Israelite* [*community*](community.html)*, and they will be forgiven, for it was not intentional and they have brought to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *for their wrong an* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *made by* [*fire*](fire.html) *and a* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html)*. The whole Israelite* [*community*](community.html) *and the aliens living among them will be forgiven, because all the people were involved in the unintentional wrong. "'But if just* [*one*](one.html) *person* [*sins*](sin.html) *unintentionally, he must bring a year-old* [*female*](male%2Bfemale.html) *goat for a* [*sin*](sin.html)[*offering*](korbanot.html)*. The* [*priest*](priests.html) *is to make* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *before* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *for the* [*one*](one.html) *who erred by sinning unintentionally, and when* [*atonement*](atonemen.html) *has been made for him, he will be forgiven.* [*One*](one.html) *and the same* [*law*](law.html) *applies to everyone who* [*sins*](sin.html) *unintentionally, whether he is a native-born Israelite or an alien. "'But anyone who* [*sins*](sin.html) *defiantly, whether native-born or alien, blasphemes* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, and that person must be cut off from his people. Because he has despised* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*’s word and broken his* [*commands*](cmds613.html)*, that person must surely be cut off; his guilt remains on him.'"*

Unintentional or intentional [sin](sin.html)...the alien is treated like an Israelite.

***Devarim (Deuteronomy) 10:14-22*** *To* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God belong the* [*heavens*](heaven.html)*, even the highest* [*heavens*](heaven.html)*, the earth and everything in it. Yet* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *set his affection on your forefathers and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the* [*nations*](nations.html)*, as it is today.* [*Circumcise*](circumcz.html) *your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. For* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and* [*awesome*](awesome.html)*, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him* [*food*](food.html) *and clothing. And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt. Fear* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his* [*name*](name.html)*. He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and* [*awesome*](awesome.html) *wonders you saw with your own* [*eyes*](body.html)*. Your forefathers who went down* [*into Egypt*](thebirth.html) *were* [*seventy*](seventy.html) *in all, and now* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God has made you as numerous as the* [*stars*](mazaroth.html) *in the sky.*

***Tehillim (***[***Psalms***](psalms1.html)***) 146:1-10*** *Praise* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*. Praise* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, O my soul. I will praise* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot* [*save*](salvation.html)*. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. Blessed is he whose help is the God of* [*Jacob*](israelja.html)*, whose hope is in* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *his God, The Maker of* [*heaven*](heaven.html) *and earth, the sea, and everything in them--*[*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, who remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives* [*food*](food.html) *to the hungry.* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *sets prisoners free,* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *gives sight to the blind,* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *lifts up those who are bowed down,* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *loves the righteous.* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the* [*wicked*](wicked.html)*.* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all* [*generations*](toldot.html)*. Praise* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*.*

[HaShem](hashem.html) loves the alien (The implication is that he is chosen).

***I Melakim (Kings) 8:37-43*** *"When* [*famine*](famine.html) *or* [*plague*](plagues.html) *comes to the land, or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers, or when an enemy besieges them in any of their cities, whatever disaster or disease may come, And when a* [*prayer*](prayer.html) *or plea is made by any of your people Israel--each* [*one*](one.html) *aware of the afflictions of his own* [*heart*](body.html)*, and spreading out his* [*hands*](fourteen.html) *toward this* [*temple*](temple.html)*-- Then hear from* [*heaven*](heaven.html)*, your* [*dwelling*](dwelling.html) *place.* [*Forgive*](forgive.html) *and act; deal with each man according to all he does, since you* [*know*](daat.html) *his* [*heart*](body.html) *(for you alone* [*know*](daat.html) *the hearts of all men), So that they will fear you all the* [*time*](time.html) *they live in the land you gave our* [*fathers*](fathers.html)*. "As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your* [*name*](name.html)*-- For men will hear of your great* [*name*](name.html) *and your mighty* [*hand*](fourteen.html) *and your outstretched arm--when he comes and prays toward this* [*temple*](temple.html)*, Then hear from* [*heaven*](heaven.html)*, your* [*dwelling*](dwelling.html) *place, and do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may* [*know*](daat.html) *your* [*name*](name.html) *and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may* [*know*](daat.html) *that this house I have built bears your* [*Name*](name.html)*.*

The alien was to be allotted a share of the land in which he settled:

***Yechezkel (Ezekiel) 47:21-23*** *"You are to distribute this land among yourselves according to the* [*tribes*](tribes.html) *of Israel. You are to allot it as an* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *for yourselves and for the aliens who have settled among you and who have children. You are to consider them as native-born Israelites; along with you they are to be allotted an* [*inheritance*](inherit.html) *among the* [*tribes*](tribes.html) *of Israel. In whatever* [*tribe*](tribes.html) *the alien settles, there you are to give him his* [*inheritance*](inherit.html)*," declares the Sovereign* [HaShem](hashem.html)*.*

Consider also that Caleb received an [inheritance](inherit.html) and that his father was NOT a descendent of [Jacob](israelja.html):

***Bereshit (Genesis) 15:12-21*** *As the* [*sun*](hachama.html) *was setting,* [*Abram*](avraham.html) *fell into a deep* [*sleep*](mashal.html)*, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. Then* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *said to him, "*[*Know*](daat.html) *for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated* [*four*](four.html) *hundred years. But I will punish the* [*nation*](nations.html) *they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. You, however, will go to your* [*fathers*](fathers.html) *in peace and be buried at a good old age. In the* [*fourth*](four.html)[*generation*](toldot.html) *your descendants will come back here, for the* [*sin*](sin.html) *of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure." When the* [*sun*](hachama.html) *had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. On that day* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *made a* [*covenant*](covenant.html) *with* [*Abram*](avraham.html) *and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates-- The land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites."*

***Bamidbar (***[***Numbers***](nchart.html)***) 32:12*** *Not* [*one*](one.html) *except Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Yahoshua (Joshua) son of Nun, for they followed* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *wholeheartedly.'*

***Devarim (Deuteronomy) 1:36*** *Except Caleb son of Jephunneh. He will see it, and I will give him and his descendants the land he set his* [*feet*](heel.html) *on, because he followed* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *wholeheartedly."*

5237 nokriy, nok-ree'; from 5235 (second form); strange, in a variety of degrees and applications (foreign, non-relative, adulterous, different, wonderful):-alien, foreigner, outlandish, strange (-r, woman).

***Devarim (Deuteronomy) 17:14-15*** *When you enter the land* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God is giving you and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, "Let us set a king over us like all the* [*nations*](nations.html) *around us," Be sure to appoint over you the king* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God chooses. He must be from among your own brothers. Do not place a foreigner (ish) over you,* [*one*](one.html) *who is not a brother Israelite.*

This stranger is different too (this is our nokree).

***Devarim (Deuteronomy) 15:1-5*** *At the end of every* [*seven*](seven.html) *years you must cancel debts. This is how it is to be done: Every creditor shall cancel the loan he has made to his fellow Israelite. He shall not require payment from his fellow Israelite or brother, because* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*’s* [*time*](time.html) *for canceling debts has been proclaimed. You may require payment from a foreigner, but you must cancel any debt your brother owes you. However, there should be no poor among you, for in the land* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God is giving you to possess as your* [*inheritance*](inherit.html)*, he will richly bless you, If only you fully obey* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God and are careful to follow all these* [*commands*](cmds613.html) *I am giving you today.*

***Devarim (Deuteronomy) 23:19-20*** *Do not charge your brother interest, whether on money or* [*food*](food.html) *or anything else that may earn interest. You may charge a foreigner interest, but not a brother Israelite, so that* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *your God may bless you in everything you put your* [*hand*](fourteen.html) *to in the land you are entering to possess.*

**God Fearer**

***II Luqas (Acts) 10:1-8*** *At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was* [*known*](daat.html) *as the Italian Regiment. He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and* [*prayed*](prayer.html) *to God regularly.* [*One*](one.html) *day at about* [*three*](three.html) *in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an* [*angel*](angels.html) *of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!" Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The* [*angel*](angels.html) *answered, "Your* [*prayers*](prayer.html) *and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial* [*offering*](korbanot.html) *before God. Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Tzefet (Peter). He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea." When the* [*angel*](angels.html) *who* [*spoke*](mashal.html) *to him had gone, Cornelius called* [*two*](two.html) *of his servants and a devout soldier who was* [*one*](one.html) *of his attendants. He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa.*

Cornelius gets baptized with the Holy Spirit.

***Kohelet (Ecclesiastes) 8:12*** *Although a* [*wicked*](wicked.html) *man commits a hundred crimes and still lives a long* [*time*](time.html)*, I* [*know*](daat.html) *that it will go better with God-fearing men, who are reverent before God.*

***II Luqas (Acts) 2:1-13*** *When the day of* [*Pentecost*](shavuot.html) *came, they were all together in* [*one*](one.html) *place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from* [*heaven*](heaven.html) *and filled the whole house where they were* [*sitting*](mashal.html)*. They saw what seemed to be* [*tongues*](spirit.html) *of* [*fire*](fire.html) *that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to* [*speak*](mashal.html) *in other* [*tongues*](spirit.html) *as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in* [*Jerusalem*](city.html) *God-fearing* [*Jews*](gen-jew.html) *from every* [*nation*](nations.html) *under* [*heaven*](heaven.html)*. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each* [*one*](one.html) *heard them* [*speaking*](mashal.html) *in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are* [*speaking*](mashal.html) *Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of* *Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (Both* [*Jews*](gen-jew.html) *and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own* [*tongues*](spirit.html)*!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked* [*one*](one.html) *another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."*

***II Luqas (Acts) 13:26-31*** *"Brothers, children of* [*Abraham*](avraham.html)*, and you God-fearing* [*Gentiles*](gen-jew.html)*, it is to us that this message of* [*salvation*](salvation.html) *has been sent. The people of* [*Jerusalem*](city.html) *and their rulers did not recognize* [*Yeshua*](yeshua.html)*, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every* [*Sabbath*](sabbath.html)*. Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, And for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to* [*Jerusalem*](city.html)*. They are now his witnesses to our people.*

***II Luqas (Acts) 13:46-51*** *Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to* [*speak*](mashal.html) *the word of God to you* [*first*](one.html)*. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of* [*eternal life*](eternal.html)*, we now turn to the* [*Gentiles*](gen-jew.html)*. For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "'I have made you a light for the* [*Gentiles*](gen-jew.html)*, that you may bring* [*salvation*](salvation.html) *to the ends of the earth.'" When the* [*Gentiles*](gen-jew.html) *heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were* [*appointed*](settimes.html) *for* [*eternal life*](eternal.html) *believed. The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. But the* [*Jews*](gen-jew.html) *incited the God-fearing women of high* [*standing*](mashal.html) *and the leading men of the* [*city*](city.html)*. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. So they shook the dust from their* [*feet*](heel.html) *in protest against them and went to Iconium.*

***II Luqas (Acts) 17:1-4*** *When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a* [*Jewish*](gen-jew.html)[*synagogue*](synagog.html)*. As his custom was, Paul went into the* [*synagogue*](synagog.html)*, and on* [*three*](three.html)[*Sabbath*](sabbath.html) *days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, Explaining and proving that the* [*Mashiach*](mashiach.html) *had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This* [*Yeshua*](yeshua.html) *I am proclaiming to you is the* [*Mashiach*](mashiach.html)*," he said. Some of the* [*Jews*](gen-jew.html) *were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large* [*number*](nchart.html) *of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women.*

4576 sebomai, seb'-om-ahee; mid. of an appar. prim. verb; to revere, i.e. adore:-devout, religious, worship.

***II Luqas (Acts) 17:16-17*** *While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the* [*city*](city.html) *was full of idols. So he reasoned in the* [*synagogue*](synagog.html) *with the* [*Jews*](gen-jew.html) *and the God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.*

**Conclusion:**

***Yeshayah (Isaiah) 56:2-8*** *Blessed is the man who does this, the man who holds it fast, who keeps the* [*Sabbath*](sabbath.html) *without desecrating it, and keeps his* [*hand*](fourteen.html) *from doing any evil." Let no foreigner who has bound himself to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *say, "*[*HaShem*](hashem.html) *will surely exclude me from his people." And let not any eunuch complain, "I am only a dry tree." For this is what* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *says: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my* [*covenant*](covenant.html)*-- To them I will give within my* [*temple*](temple.html) *and its walls a memorial and a* [*name*](name.html) *better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting* [*name*](name.html) *that will not be cut off. And foreigners who bind themselves to* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *to serve him, to love the* [*name*](name.html) *of* [*HaShem*](hashem.html)*, and to worship him, all who keep the* [*Sabbath*](sabbath.html) *without desecrating it and who hold fast to my* [*covenant*](covenant.html)*-- These I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of* [*prayer*](prayer.html)*. Their* [*burnt offering*](korbanot.html)*s and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of* [*prayer*](prayer.html) *for all* [*nations*](nations.html)*." The Sovereign* [*HaShem*](hashem.html) *declares--he who gathers the* [*exiles*](galuyot.html) *of Israel: "I will* [*gather*](gather.html) *still others to them besides those already* [*gathered*](gather.html)*."*

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