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Why God chose Israel

Deuteronomy chapter 7

7:7 And the Lord loves you and chooses you, not because you outnumber others, and that you are the least among thousands.

Rome 9:15-16

15 For he said to Moses, "I will have mercy on whoever I want, and I will be merciful to whomever I want."

According to Jewish and Christian beliefs, God's choice of Israelites as a particular chosen people has a historical and religious background. This faith is interpreted in terms of stories and verses from the Bible.

In the Bible, God's reasons for choosing Israel as his chosen people can be summarized as follows:

Abraham: According to the book of Genesis, God made a covenant with Abraham, promising that His descendants would be a multitude of nations and would be blessed. This covenant is considered the starting point for God's choice of Israel as a special chosen people.

Exodus: The book of Exodus describes the history of the Israelites enslaved to Egypt, where God took them out of Egypt through Moses and led them across the Red Sea. This event was seen as God's act of salvation and showed His concern for the Israelites.

Granting the Law: God gave the Israelites the Law, the Ten Commandments and other commandments, on Mount Sinai to guide their actions. These laws, considered part of God's special relationship with the Israelites, required them to obey them.

The Promised Land: God promised to grant the Israelites the land of Canaan as their eternal home. This area is known in the Bible as God's Promised Land.

Religious Mission: God passed on the message of faith and religious doctrines, including the concept of monotheism, through the Israelites. This provided an important foundation for the formation and transmission of Judaism.

It is important to emphasize that these stories and beliefs are a core part of Judaism and Christianity, while other religions may have different views and beliefs. This belief has had a profound impact on the history and identity of both religions.

Yes, the Bible clearly states that Israel is God's chosen people. This view appears primarily in the Old Testament portion of the Bible, the Old Testament.

Here are some Bible verses that support this view:

Exodus 19:5-6 describes the coming of the Israelites from Egypt):

"Now if I truly obey my word and keep my covenant, you will be my people among all nations, for all the earth is mine. "

Exodus 6:7:

"I will lead you into the place where I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will bring you to the land and make you my people. I am the Lord your God. "

These verses make it clear that God regarded the Israelites as His chosen people and had a special relationship with them

There are indeed passages in the Bible, especially in the Old Testament, that refer to God's concern and treatment of other peoples. Although the Israelites were seen as God's chosen people, the Bible also contains descriptions and messages about other peoples.

Numbers 18:14:

"As for those who are still offered, they will be to Aaron and his son, who is anointed by the Lord and is an eternal decree to him and his descendants. "

This passage mentions Aaron and his descendants as a sign that they had a special place in religious ceremonies, but this does not directly refer to other peoples.

Jeremiah 46:28:

"Jacob, my servant, do not be afraid. This is what the Lord has said, for I am with you. I will drive out all the nations to which I have driven you out, but not to drive you out, but to punish you with leniency, and I will not spare you by punishment. This is what the Lord said. "

This passage mentions the people of Jacob (Israel) and indicates that God will punish them with leniency.

Overall, the Bible does contain passages that refer to other peoples and nations, but its focus is on the Israelites as God's chosen people. Different Bible books and verses vary in their backgrounds and themes, so references to other peoples can be found in different contexts.

These verses in the Bible should be understood in their historical and cultural context. In the Jewish and Christian traditions, there is a belief in the future reconstruction of the third temple in Jerusalem. This is thought to be related to end-time prophecy and the coming of the Messiah. According to this view, the reconstruction of the temple is believed to be the fulfillment of God's promises and revelations, related to God's return or end-time events.

However, this view is interpreted differently in different denominations and doctrines, and not all Jews and Christians share it. Some strongly believe that the reconstruction of the temple is a future event, while others take a different view, arguing that religious practices and beliefs do not necessarily require a physical temple to be realized.

We pray together

Heavenly Father, Almighty God,

We pray humbly before you. We acknowledge that you are the Creator of the universe and the Master of all. We recognize your sovereignty and authority and know that you are supreme.

We thank you because you are a God of mercy and mercy, and your sovereignty is filled with wisdom and love. We acknowledge that we are limited and dependent on your grace and leadership. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

In our prayers, we ask you to help us obey your will, become your servants, and serve your kingdom. Please guide us with your Holy Spirit to understand and accept your plans and sovereignty. Glory to your name, thy kingdom to come, and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We also pray for the world and for those who need your care and love. May your peace and justice be established, and may your path be our guide. May your sovereignty be manifested on earth until the last moments.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Deuteronomy chapter 7

De. 7:1 When the LORD your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations — the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you —

De. 7:2 and when the LORD your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy.

De. 7:3 Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons,

De. 7:4 for they will turn your sons away from following me to serve other gods, and the LORD's anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you.

De. 7:5 This is what you are to do to them: Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, cut down their Asherah poles and burn their idols in the fire.

De. 7:6 For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

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De. 7:7 The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.

De. 7:8 But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

De. 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands. De. 7:10 But those who hate him he will repay to their face by destruction; he will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate him.

De. 7:11 Therefore, take care to follow the commands, decrees and laws I give you today.

De. 7:12 If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the LORD your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your forefathers.

De. 7:13 He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers.

He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land — your grain, new wine and oil — the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land that he swore to your forefathers to give you.

De. 7:14 You will be blessed more than any other people; none of your men or women will be childless, nor any of your livestock without young.

De. 7:15 The LORD will keep you free from every disease. He will not inflict on you the horrible diseases you knew in Egypt, but he will inflict them on all who hate you.

De. 7:16 You must destroy all the peoples the LORD your God gives over to you. Do not look on them with pity and do not serve their gods, for that will be a snare to you.

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De. 7:17 You may say to yourselves, “These nations are stronger than we are. How can we drive them out?”

De. 7:18 But do not be afraid of them; remember well what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt.

De. 7:19 You saw with your own eyes the great trials, the miraculous signs and wonders, the mighty hand and outstretched arm, with which the LORD your God brought you out. The LORD your God will do the same to all the peoples you now fear.

De. 7:20 Moreover, the LORD your God will send the hornet among them until even the survivors who hide from you have perished.

De. 7:21 Do not be terrified by them, for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a great and awesome God.

De. 7:22 The LORD your God will drive out those nations before you, little by little. You will not be allowed to eliminate them all at once, or the wild animals will multiply around you. De. 7:23 But the LORD your God will deliver them over to you, throwing them into great confusion until they are destroyed. De. 7:24 He will give their kings into your hand, and you will wipe out their names from under heaven. No-one will be able to stand up against you; you will destroy them.

De. 7:25 The images of their gods you are to burn in the fire. Do not covet the silver and gold on them, and do not take it for yourselves, or you will be ensnared by it, for it is detestable to the LORD your God.

De. 7:26 Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Utterly abhor and detest it, for it is set apart for destruction.

Chapter 7 begins with Moses instructing the Israelites to completely destroy the nations that currently inhabit the land of Canaan, which God had promised to give to them as an inheritance. Moses warns the Israelites not to make any treaties or intermarry with the inhabitants of the land, as this would lead to idol worship and disobedience to God. Moses reminds the Israelites that they are a holy people, chosen by God to be His treasured possession. He emphasizes that God had not chosen them because they were a great nation, but simply because He loved them and kept the promise that He had made to their ancestors.

Moses then goes on to describe the conquest of the Canaanite nations, which God would accomplish through the Israelites. He reassures the Israelites that they will be victorious over their enemies, as long as they remain obedient to God and do not turn away from Him.

Furthermore, Moses emphasizes that God's blessings will follow those who obey His commands, while His curses will follow those who disobey. Moses encourages the Israelites to trust in God's faithfulness and to keep His commands, so that they may prosper in the land of Canaan.

Overall, Chapter 7 emphasizes the importance of obedience to God's commands and warns the Israelites against making treaties or intermarrying with the inhabitants of the land of Canaan. Moses reassures the Israelites that God will give them victory over their enemies, as long as they remain faithful to Him. He also emphasizes the blessings that come with obedience and the consequences of disobedience to God.

Here are some key verses from Chapter 7 of the Book of Deuteronomy in the Christian Bible:

1. "When the Lord your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations...and when the Lord your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy." (Deuteronomy 7:1-2)
2. "For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession." (Deuteronomy 7:6)
3. "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments." (Deuteronomy 7:9)
4. "But the Lord your God will deliver them over to you, throwing them into great confusion until they are destroyed." (Deuteronomy 7:23)

These verses speak to the conquest of the land of Canaan by the Israelites, and the commandment to completely destroy the nations there. The verses also emphasize the special relationship between God and Israel, and the importance of obedience to His commandments. The verses conclude with the promise that God will deliver their enemies over to them and destroy them.

Chapter 7 of the Book of Deuteronomy addresses the Israelites' relationship with the inhabitants of the Promised Land and emphasizes the importance of remaining faithful to God. Here is a reflection on some key themes and lessons from this chapter:

Chosen and Set Apart: Moses reminds the Israelites that they are a chosen people, set apart by God for a special purpose. They were chosen not because of their own righteousness or strength, but because of God's love and faithfulness to His covenant with their ancestors. This highlights the importance of recognizing our own identity as God's chosen people through faith in Christ and living in accordance with His purposes.

Rejecting Idolatry: Moses warns the Israelites against making covenants or intermarrying with the pagan nations inhabiting the Promised Land. He emphasizes the dangers of idolatry and the potential for it to lead them astray from worshiping the one true God. This teaches us the importance of guarding our hearts against the allure of false gods and influences that may lead us away from God's truth.

God's Faithfulness and Love: Despite the faithlessness of the Israelites, Moses emphasizes God's faithfulness and love toward them. He reiterates God's commitment to keep His covenant, showing mercy to those who love Him and keep His commandments. This serves as a reminder of God's unwavering love and faithfulness towards us, even in our moments of weakness and failure.

Conquering by God's Power: Moses reassures the Israelites that it is God who will drive out the nations before them and give them victory over their enemies. He emphasizes that it is not their own strength or military might that will secure their success, but rather God's power and presence with them. This teaches us to rely on God's strength and guidance in our own battles and challenges, trusting in His provision and deliverance.

Blessings and Promises: Moses reminds the Israelites of the blessings and promises that await them if they remain faithful to God. He assures them of prosperity, fertility, and victory over their enemies. This reinforces the principle that obedience to God's commandments leads to blessings and fulfillment of His promises in our lives.

Remembering God's Mighty Acts: Moses calls the Israelites to remember the powerful acts of God, including the plagues upon Egypt and their miraculous deliverance. He emphasizes the importance of recalling God's faithfulness in order to strengthen their faith and trust in Him. This invites us to reflect on God's past works in our own lives and to cultivate gratitude and trust in His continued faithfulness.

In summary, Deuteronomy 7 prompts reflection on the themes of being chosen and set apart, rejecting idolatry, experiencing God's faithfulness and love, relying on God's power, receiving blessings and promises through obedience, and remembering God's mighty acts. These reflections call us to recognize our identity as God's chosen people, remain faithful to Him, and trust in His power and provision in all aspects of our lives.

