

A Chosen People, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation

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Complete the rest of this Bible study using the translation you or your group prefers.

Leviticus 20:26

²⁶ You are to be holy to me because I, the LORD, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own.

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

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.

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. ⁸ But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors 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. 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 commandments.

Deuteronomy 14: 2

² for you are a people holy to the LORD your God. Out of all the peoples on the face of the earth, the LORD has chosen you to be his treasured possession.

2 Samuel 7:14-15

¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. ¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

Ezekiel 37:27-28

²⁷ My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. ²⁸ Then the nations will know that I the LORD make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever.”

How have God's people reacted to His faithfulness? How are we often like the Israelites?

God has chosen us and set us apart as His own. God makes it known that we are His treasured possession, and, as such, we should love Him and strive to keep His commandments. Like any parent chastising a wayward child, He will allow us to read the consequences of our wrongdoings. However, He will never cease to love us, even when we fail to follow His plan for our lives.

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