A LOOK THROUGH

Part 1

Who is this guy, anyway...

and how did he get here?







What is United **States Air Force** Tech. Sgt. Harold Warr Doing?



Let's



(last week)

Paul received a calling from Yeshua to be an Apostle to the Gentiles

Acts 4:33 Acts 10:40 ff

Acts 26:16 ff Acts 22:17 ff

1 Corinthians 9:1 -- Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Yeshua Messiah our Master? Are you not my work in the Master?

Paul received his message (gospel) directly from Yeshua via revelation

2 Cor. 11:16 ff & 121 ff

Put it all together





Paul has a calling from Yeshua to be an Apostle to the Gentiles

Gal. 1:10 For am I now trying to win the approval mankind, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Gal. 1:11-12 I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preach is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it through a revelation of Yeshua Messiah.

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Gal. 1:3-5 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Master Yeshua the Messiah, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

And last but not least...

Now Paul is zealous for the right thing!

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1. Paul – Life and Apostleship

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- Benjamite (Romans 11:1)
- Pharisee (Philippians 3:5)
- Son of a Pharisee (Acts 23:6)
- Born a Roman citizen (Acts 16:37)
- Born in Taursus but raised in Jerusalem, too (Acts 22:3)
- Had a sister and a nephew living in Jerusalem (Acts 23:16)
- At least three relatives living in Rome (Romans 16:7, 11)

What do we know about Paul?

- Trained by custom to work with his hands first, as a tentmaker (Acts 18:3)
- Versed in classical Greek literature (Acts 17:24-30)
- Studied to become a rabbi under Gamaliel (Acts 22)
 (Professor + Lawyer + Pastor + Historian)
- Persecutor of "Nazarenes" and known to the priests and Sanhedrin; Among the first to be called "Messiah-followers"

What do we know about him? Paul --

- Saw & heard the risen Yeshua
- Was filled with the spirit, and spirit-led
- Received a calling from Yeshua to be an Apostle to the Gentiles (and still named himself the "least" of them)
- Received his message (gospel) directly from Yeshua via revelation
- Had a ministry confirmed by acts of divine power

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2. Galatia – Where in the world?



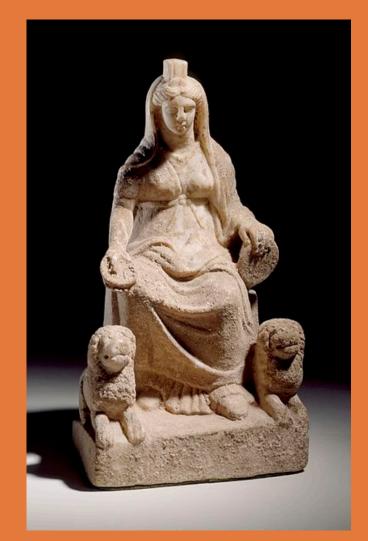


Galatia

- Perga (Pamphylia) Via Sebaste only 54 years old
- Pisidian Antioch Roman military and cultural center, favored by Augustus
- Iconium, Lystra, Derbe Hinterlands famous for growing ______, ____worship, and the cult of _____.







KYBELE (Cybele) was the great Phrygian mother of the gods, and goddess of motherhood, fertility and the mountain wilds.

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- 1. Paul Life and Apostleship
- 2. Galatia Where in the world?
- 3. The biggest issue of Paul's day

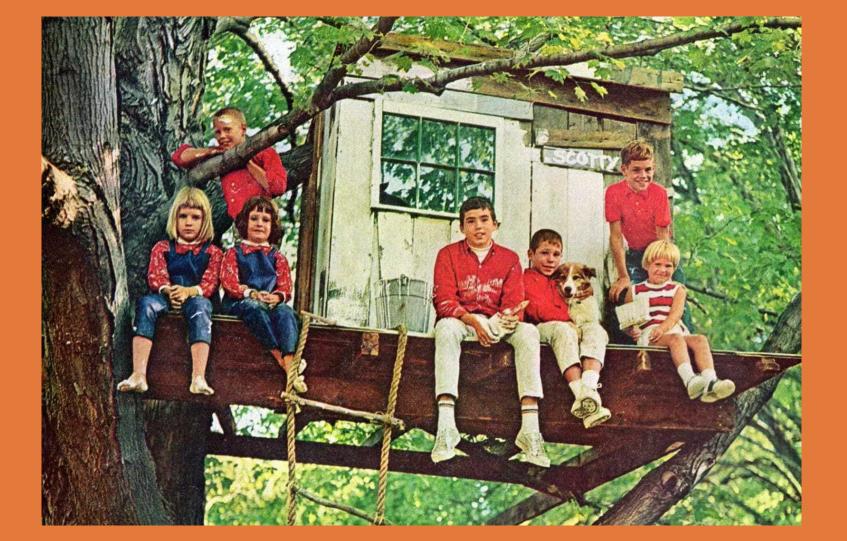


Expansion of the Jewish People

- 550 BC (mid-exile) eastern Mediterranean, 250K-500K
- 331 BC Alexandria includes Jewish boom
- 200 BC From Alexandria to Rome
- Everywhere the Romans went, the Jews were already there
- c. 60 BC c. 65 AD Judaism was favored by some

Expansion of Judaism(s)

- Hellenism inside Israel
- Hellenism outside Israel
- The Greeks and Romans became hungry for monotheism
- This gives rise to: Proselytes vs. God-fearers (Tractate Yevamot), AND the million-dollar question. Are you . . .



- One "gets in" by joining the group only three ways for this to happen
- Initiation(s) for Judaism(s)
- Resurgence of Judean-based national identity gave the lead to which POV?
- What happens if you don't agree to the rules?



- One "gets in" by joining the group Salvation comes from ...being _____
- Is this idea backed up by the Tanakh?
- The Gospel of the Red Sea
- The Gospel of Psalm 32 Saved by works (?) Saved by identity (?)

It appears that ancient Isra'el turned circumcision into a mark of **Jewish identity**, and then created social policies that enforced a Jewish-only membership into its **covenant** communities.

We have historic Isra'el abusing vital aspects of their covenant status and Torah obligations, based in part on her developing **ambivalent attitude towards foreigners** joining Isra'el in connection with her own self survival mechanisms as a marginalized people group . . .and we end up with the developments of Ethnocentric Jewish Exclusivism. -Ariel ben-Lyman HaNaviy

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As Rabbi Helbo [275 AD] said: Converts are as harmful to the Jewish people as a leprous scab on the skin, as it is written: "And the convert shall join himself with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob". This alludes to the fact that the cleaving of the convert to the Jewish people is like a scab.





What's a technical term?



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Galatians 1:1-9

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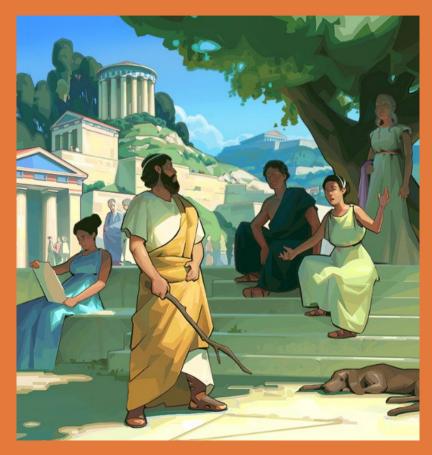


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Who were the "troublers"

Time for a treat (?)



Problematic vs Ruined

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Galatians 1:11-19

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party.

And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Iudaioi, live like a Gentile and not like a Iudaioi, how can you force the Gentiles to Judaize?"

Galatians 1:11-19

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But if, in our endeavor to be counted righteous in Messiah, we too were found to be sinners, is Messiah then a servant of sin? Certainly not! For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.

Violation of Matthew 18?

If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Ei sy **ioudaios** hyparchōn ethnikōs kai ouk **ioudaikōs** zēs pōs ta ethnē **anankazeis ioudaizein**?

If you **Jewish/Judean** being like a heathen/gentile and not as a **Jew/Judean** live why the nations do you **compel** to **Judaize**?

Paraphrase option A -

Peter *was* eating with uncircumcised Gentiles, and suddenly when Judeans of the 'circumcision party' show up - things change! The emphasis is on the difference in how Peter acted recently, and how he is acting now.

If you - being Jewish - were recently content to conduct yourself like a heathen instead of a Judean, why are you now going to suddenly compel the heathen to Judaize?

Paraphrase option B -

Imagine how much pressure the Gentiles at Antioch were under to avoid being segregated as 2nd class citizens! The emphasis is on the way Peter is looking down on Gentiles the same way Gentiles often segregated and look down on Jews.

You - being Jewish - are acting like a bigoted heathen instead of treating people like a Jew should . . .is this why you want to force heathen to Judaize?

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Esther 8:15 ff: Then Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal robes of blue and white, with a great golden crown and a robe of fine linen and purple, and the city of Susa shouted and rejoiced. The Jews had light and gladness and joy and honor. And in every province and in every city, wherever the king's command and his edict reached, there was gladness and joy among the Jews, a feast and a holiday.

And many of the Gentiles were circumcised and became Jews for fear of the Jews. (LXX)

The Torah permits a Jewish soldier to take a female prisoner of war in order to marry her. . . . Even if she did not accept upon herself the yoke of mitzvot, the process can still be circumvented if he forces her to immerses for the sake of slavery, and then he again immerses her for the sake of emancipation and thereby emancipates her, rendering her a Jewess.

[Another rabbi] teaches that a slave who is a man you may circumcise against his will, and there is no need for him to accept upon himself the yoke of mitzvot, but you may not circumcise a gentile's grown son against his will. -Tractate Yevamot

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Anakadzo -- "Compel; to be forced to do a thing"

Verse 14: "How can you compel the nations to Judaize?"

Iudaizo – "To live as one bound by Mosaic ordinances or traditions; to live in Judean or Jewish fashion"

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- To live as one bound by Mosaic ordinances
- To live as one bound by traditions
- To live in Judean fashion
- To live in Jewish fashion

Which one is it?

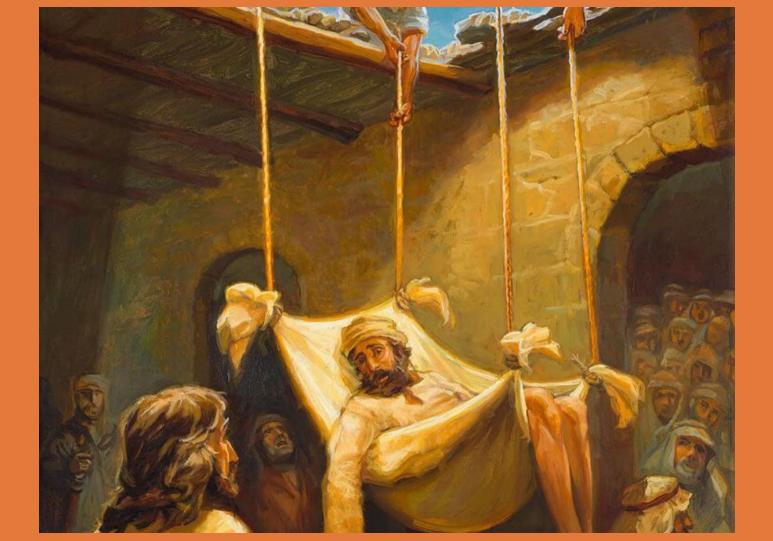


Works of the Law

DSS 4QMMT (4Q 394-399), c. 75-50 BC

"The manuscript identifies 22 laws (halakhah) that concern sacrificial laws, priestly gifts, ritual purity, and other matters. The text is a polemical argument setting forth the views of the Qumran leadership and calling on their opponents to accept their views."

Martin Abegg: "MMT is couched in the exact language of what Paul was rebutting in his letter to the Galatians. MMT claims that adherence to the works of the law 'will be accounted to you as righteousness'."



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