

# C.C. 101

## DISCOVERING YOUR IDENTITY – PART 2

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### I. Quick re-cap

- Who and what was and is Israel and what does that have to do with our identity, who we are and who we are supposed to be?
- **Mat 2:1-6** “...out of you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.” – From **Micah 5:2-8**
- **Luke 19:1-10** “For the Son of Adam has come to seek and to save what was lost.” – What was lost?
- **Mat 15:22-28** “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”
- **John 10:14-16** “I am the good shepherd. And I know Mine, and Mine know Me, ...”
  - “And other sheep I have which are not of this fold...”
- **Acts 1:6-9** “Master, would You at this time restore the reign to Yisrael?”
  - **Mat 10:5-7, 23** “...you shall by no means have gone through the cities of Yisrael...”
- **Mat 19:27-29** The 12 Talmudim shall sit on 12 thrones, judging the 12 tribes of Yisrael...
- **Rev 21:10-12** ...the gates of the new Yerushalyim...
- **Jer 31:31-37** ...I shall make a new covenant with the house of Yisrael...

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### II. More verses to make us say HmMMM...

- **Mat 1:1, 5** — Ruth in the lineage of Yahshua
  - **Ruth 2:2** — Ruth was a Moabitess
  - **Deut 23:3** — No Moabite in the assembly even a 10<sup>th</sup> generation
  - The Hebrew for “assembly” is “qahal” which means assembly, company, congregation, multitude.



- The Greek equivalent is “ekklesia,” and is usually incorrectly translated “church.” It actually means a calling out, i.e. (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue) in other words a “called out assembly.”
- **Ruth 1:15-17** — Ruth changed her citizenship

In other words the Moabitess, Ruth, was no longer a Mo'abite. This is Scriptural proof that it doesn't matter what you were... once you become an Yisraelite... you are only an Yisraelite.

### III. Strangers and Native Born

- **Exo 12:43-49**
  - Verse 43 “...This is the law of the Passover No son of a **stranger** is to eat of it.”
  - Verse 45 “A **sojourner** and a hired servant dos not eat of it...”
  - Verse 48 “And when a **stranger, sojourns** with you and shall perform the Passover...”
  - Verse 48 ...let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and perform it, and he shall **be as a native of the land**. But let no uncircumcised eat of it.

What's going on here? Well, this is typical of most Bible or Scriptural translations. What's happened here is that they have taken three different words in the Hebrew and translated them as stranger.

- Verse 43 – **Neichar** – an alienated person; The term refers to two kinds of people:
  - (a) An Israelite who has become apostate, i.e. one who worships idols, desecrates the Sabbath, or denies the validity of any of the Torah's commandments
  - (b) A non-Yisraelite who may be traveling through Eretz Yisrael
- Verse 45 – **Toshav** – A non-Yisraelite who lives in Eretz Yisrael
- Verse 48 – **Ger** – Proselyte – One who is converting/changing citizenship to be Yisrael
  - Circumcision needs to be of flesh and heart – that is the KEY



And it says, when a stranger is with you, and wants to do all these things, well then, let him make the official commitment by getting circumcised. Then he can do it. Why? Well look at verse 49, it's all for this reason:

- Verse 49 “There is **one Torah** for the **native-born** and for the **stranger who sojourns** among you.”
  - **Lev 24:22**
  - **Num 15:15-16**
  - **Deut 31:12**

Let's remember, when they came out of Egypt, they came out as a mixed multitude – twelve tribes, plus everybody else that didn't want to stay in the destruction that had just taken place in Mitsrayim.

By the time they crossed over the Jordan (40 years later), they were all a part of Yisrael. Those of the “mixed multitude” had made a citizenship choice. It is ALL about individuals making a citizenship choice.

