

# BIBLE STUDY

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The Jewish-Gentile Problem in the Book of Romans

There was a division between the Jews and Gentiles in the Roman Church that Paul addresses in Romans 15:7-12. His argument for the acceptance of Gentiles into the church comes from each of the three sections of the OT: Law, Prophets, and Writings.

For I say that Christ has become a servant  
**for** the circumcision (Jews) on behalf of the truth of God  
**To** confirm the promises given to the fathers (Jews)  
 And  
**For** the gentiles  
**To** glorify God for His mercy;  
 As it is written:

Again he says:

And again,

Again Isaiah says,

“There shall come the root of Jesse,  
And He who arises to rule over the Gentiles,  
In Him shall the Gentiles hope” (Isa. 11:10).

LAW	PROPHETS	WRITINGS
Genesis	Joshua	Psalms
Exodus	Judges	Proverbs
Leviticus	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel	Job
Numbers	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings	Song of Solomon
Deuteronomy	Isaiah	Ruth
	Jeremiah	Lamentations
	Ezekiel	Ecclesiastes
	Hosea Nahum	Esther
	Joel Habakkuk	Daniel
	Amos Zephaniah	Ezra
	Obadiah Haggai	Nehemiah
	Jonah Zechariah	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles
	Micah Malachi	

## Luke 4 and Release Play

**NARRATOR:** When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time.

And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district. And He *began* teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the **Sabbath**, and stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the scroll and found the place where it was written,

**JESUS:** "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,  
BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR.  
HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES,  
AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND,  
TO RELEASE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,  
TO PROCLAIM THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

**NARRATOR:** And He closed the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

**JESUS:** Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.

**NARRATOR:** And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips.

**PEOPLE:** Is this not Joseph's son?

**JESUS:** Truly I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.

Genesis 2:1-4  
Sabbath

<sup>1</sup>Thus were finished the heavens and the earth, with all of their array.

<sup>2</sup>God had finished, on the seventh day, His work that He had made,  
and then He rested (shabat), on the seventh day, from all His work that he had made.

<sup>3</sup>God gave the seventh day His blessing, and He hallowed it, for on it He rested (shabat) from all His work, that through creating, God had made.

<sup>4</sup>These are the begettings/generations of the heavens and the earth: their being created at the time of Yahweh God's making of earth and heaven.

## SABBATH IN EXODUS 31:12-17

NOW YAHWEH SAID TO MOSHE:  
AND YOU, SPEAK TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, SAYING:  
HOWEVER: MY SABBATHS YOU ARE TO KEEP!

- A. FOR IT IS A SIGN
- B. BETWEEN ME AND YOU,
- C. THROUGHOUT YOUR GENERATIONS,  
TO KNOW THAT I, YAHWEH, HALLOW YOU.
- D. YOU ARE TO KEEP THE SABBATH,  
FOR IT IS HOLINESS FOR YOU,
- E. WHOEVER PROFANES IT IS TO BE PUT-TO-DEATH,  
YES, DEATH!
- F. FOR WHOEVER MAKES WORK ON IT—  
THAT PERSON IS TO BE CUT OFF FROM AMONG HIS  
KINSPEOPLE.
- X. FOR SIX DAYS IS WORK TO BE MADE,  
BUT ON THE SEVENTH DAY  
(IS) SABBATH, SABBATH-CEASING, HOLINESS FOR  
YAHWEH,
- F. WHOEVER MAKES WORK ON THE SABBATH DAY IS
- E. TO BE PUT-TO-DEATH, YES, DEATH!
- D. THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL ARE TO KEEP THE  
SABBATH,  
TO MAKE THE SABBATH-OBSERVANCE
- C. THROUGHOUT THEIR GENERATIONS  
AS A COVENANT FOR THE AGES;
- B. BETWEEN ME AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL
- A. A SIGN IT IS, FOR THE AGES,

FOR IN SIX DAYS  
YAHWEH MADE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH,  
BUT ON THE SEVENTH DAY  
HE CEASED AND PAUSED-FOR-BREATH.

Luke, Leviticus, and  
Leviticus 25:1-13 and  
Jubilee

The LORD spoke to Moses <sup>2</sup>“Speak to the sons of Israel, ‘When you come into the land...the land shall have a sabbath... <sup>3</sup>Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in its crop, <sup>4</sup>but during the seventh year the land shall have a sabbath rest, a sabbath to the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>‘You are also to count off seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years, *namely*, forty-nine years. Thus consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim a release (aphesis) through the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, and each of you shall return to his own property, and each of you shall return to his family. <sup>11</sup>You shall have the fiftieth year as a jubilee [of release]; <sup>13</sup>‘On this year of jubilee each of you shall return to his own property.

Isaiah  
Isaiah 58:5-6 and  
Jubilee

[The LORD is finding their fasts unacceptable. He says,] “Will you call this a fast, even and acceptable day to the LORD? Is this not the fast which I choose: To loosen the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to release (aphesis) the oppressed and break every yoke.

Isaiah 61:1-2

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim release (aphesis) to slaves in captivity and freedom to prisoners of slavery to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD...

Luke 4:15-18 and  
Jubilee

<sup>15</sup> And Jesus began teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all. <sup>16</sup> And He came to Nazareth, and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> And the scroll of Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the scroll and found the place where it was written, “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor; He has sent Me to proclaim release (aphesis) to the captives, and to the blind new sight, to send forth the broken in release (aphesis), to proclaim the LORD’S acceptable year.” And He closed the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down...And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips...And they were saying, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” And Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, no prophet is **acceptable** in his hometown.

## Release as Forgiveness

Luke 4:18-19

Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, For He has anointed Me; To preach good news to the poor he has sent Me: To proclaim for the captives release/aphesis, and to the blind sight; To send forth the oppressed in release/aphesis; To proclaim the year of the Lord's acceptance.

1:77 [Zacarias says]: To give to His people the knowledge of salvation By the forgiveness/release/aphesis of their sins...

3:3 And John came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the release/forgiveness/aphesis of sins...

5:20 Seeing their faith, He said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven/released/aphesis."

21 The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive/release/aphesis sins, but God alone?"

23 Which is easier to say, 'Your sins have been forgiven/released/aphesis, or to say, 'Get up and walk'?  
24 But, so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive/release/aphesis sins".

7:47 "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven/released/aphesis, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven/released little, loves little."

48 Then He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven/released/aphesis."  
49 Those who were reclining at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this man who even forgives/releases/aphesis sins?"

11:4 And forgive/release/aphesis us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive/release/aphesis everyone who is indebted to us..."

17:3 "Be on your guard! If your brother

sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive/release/aphesis him.

4 And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' forgive/release/aphesis him."

23:34 [At the crucifixion] "Father, forgive/release/aphesis them; for they do not know what they are doing."

24:45-47 Jesus said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ/Messiah would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for the forgiveness/release/aphesis of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations..."