

"ALIENATED GENTILES"

EPHESIANS 2:11-12

I. OUR ANCESTORS, IN THEIR PHYSICAL STATE, ARE REFERED TO AS GENTILES (2:11)

A. Background To The Physical Significance Of This Term

1. Traces Back The Descendants of Noah's Three Sons [Gen. 10]
 - a. The Word "Gentile" [*Genes, Genus*] Has Reference To Clans Of People
 - b. These People Make up The "Nations" Of The World In Their Ancestral, Territorial & Political Bodies
2. Seventy Original Nations Stretch Geographically From Persia [*Elam*] In The East To [*Kittim*] Or Crete In The West & From [*Gomer*] Russia In The North To [*Cush*] Ethiopia In The South
3. The Purpose Of This Table Is To Show The Common Unity Of The Human Race
 - a. In Time God Extracted One Man, Abram
 - b. From That Man Came The Nation Israel
 - c. Everyone Else Became Known As The [*Heathen*]

B. Israel Came To Call Us Simply The "Uncircumcision"

II. OUR ANCESTORS, IN THEIR SPIRITUAL STATE, ARE DESCRIBED BY THE APOSTLE (2:12)

- A. Without The Favor Of The Tangible Presence Of Christ
- B. Without Citizenship Within God's Chosen People
- C. Without Most Of The Covenantal Promises
- D. Without Even A Trace Of Hope
- E. Without God In The World