

GERIM

- Ger, singular Gerim, plural
- Protected foreigner
- Person born into a tribe of a certain race or culture, but attaches themselves to another and different tribe
- Legal immigrant



BOUNDARIES AND CUSTOMS

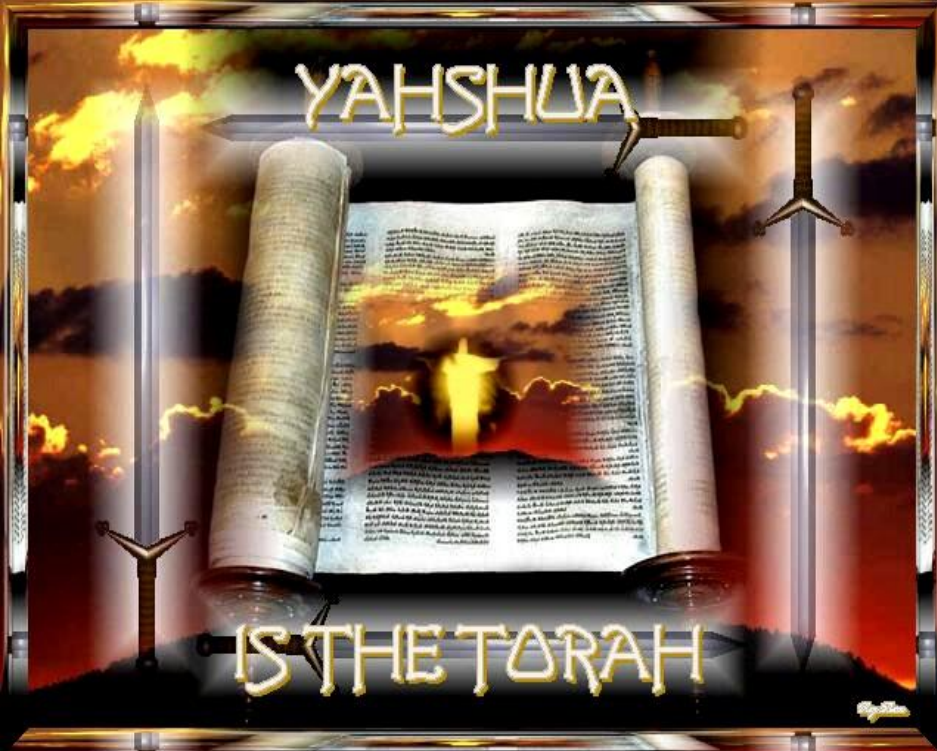


- Ger cannot own land
- Laborers, craftsmen, merchants
- 2nd Class citizens in their new culture
- In Israel, obligated to obey **PROHIBITIVE** commands
- By choice MAY obey **POSITIVE** Torah commands



TRUE ISRAEL

- *Eph. 2*: Christians are NOT gerim
- Believers are 1st class citizens of the Kingdom of God
- Gentiles at one time were FURTHER away from God than *ger*
- Trusting Yeshua brings gentiles near to God, by means of Israel's covenants



“.....*under the Law*.....”

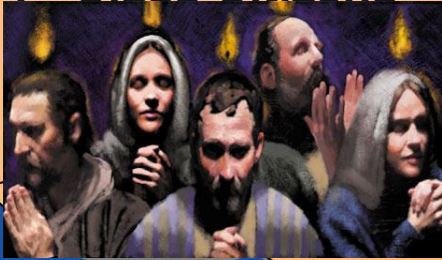
- Paul says gentiles do **NOT** need to become Jews as part of the process of Salvation
- “*under the law*” was concerning HOW to become SAVED.....NOT, whether or not to obey Torah
- Paul says ONLY faith in Messiah Yeshua brings Salvation
- Paul cautions gentiles not to put themselves “under the law” because:
 - 1) The Law is NOT a means to Salvation
 - 2) A gentile who DOES accept the Law as even a step towards Salvation puts himself in an odd position with God

ISRAELITES: GER WITH GOD

- Yehoveh sees His people Israel as ger to Him (Leviticus 25:23)
- A gentile who becomes a Believer is **NOT** a ger to God (the Kingdom of God)
- Paul's dilemma: **WHY** would a gentile who could be a 1st Class citizen with God, choose instead to be a ger, like (unbelieving) Israel?
- All Jews (Hebrews) born as Hebrews, are born as ger to God
- But, gentiles are born even **FURTHER** away from God than the "Israelite ger"

KINGDOM OF GOD

1st Class Citizens



PAUL EXHORTS
ISRAELITES TO MOVE-UP
TO 1ST CLASS CITIZENS

AND

FOR GENTILES TO GO
DIRECTLY FROM NOTHING
TO 1ST CLASS CITIZENS



GER



AS NOTHING



FIRSTFRUITS

- First of the bread
- Given to Priest, a holy portion
- Typically only FARMERS could participate
- NOW, with Num.15 law every household could participate
- Romans 11:16 *“....if the 1st piece of dough be holy, the lump is also.....”*



➤ INADVERTENT

- 2 CATEGORIES:
 - whole community
 - individual
- Sacrifice needed to atone
- 'Olah + Minchah + Hata'at
- They SHALL be forgiven
- Repentance must accompany sacrifice
- Vertical Retribution
- Individual: only Hata'at
- Ger must do the same

➤ HIGH HANDED

- 2 CATEGORIES:
 - whole community
 - individual
- Also applies to Ger
- NO atonement
- Penalty is karet
- Karet = cut-off
- Supernatural judgment
- Could be:
 - early death
 - no children
 - lack of prosperity

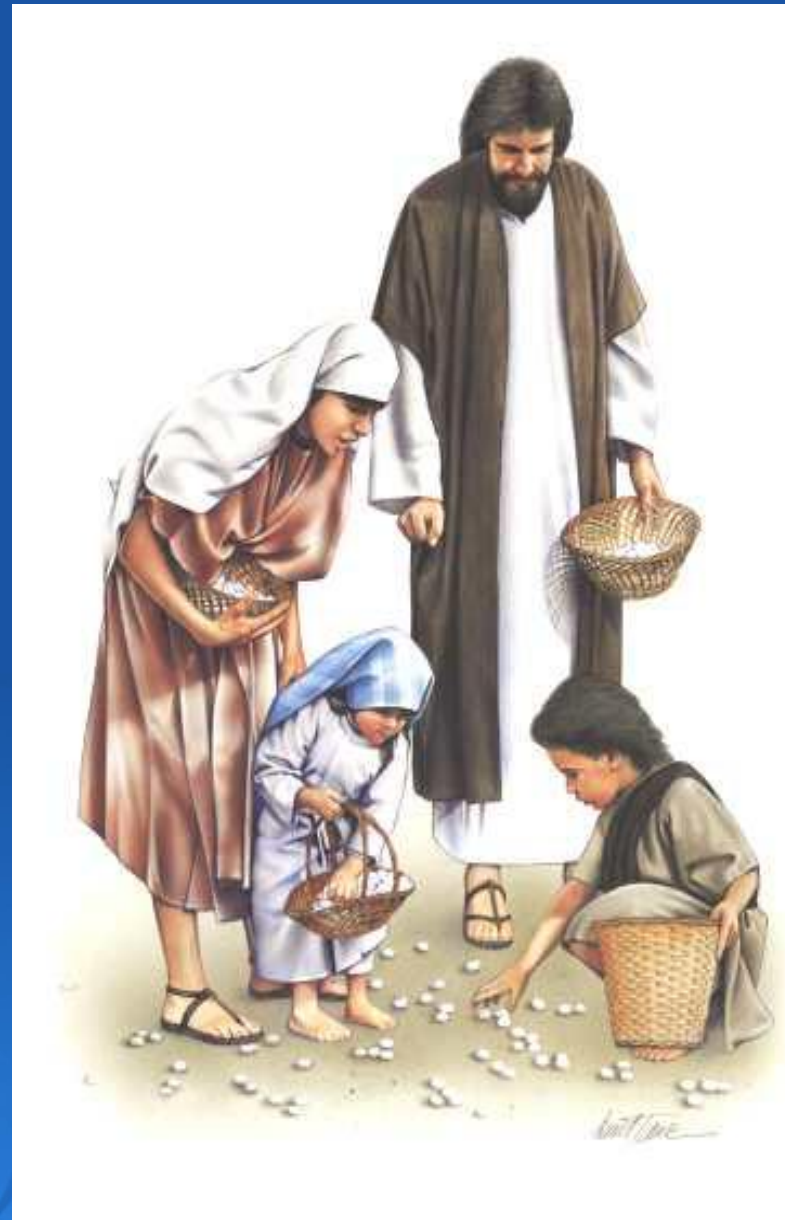
GATHERING STICKS



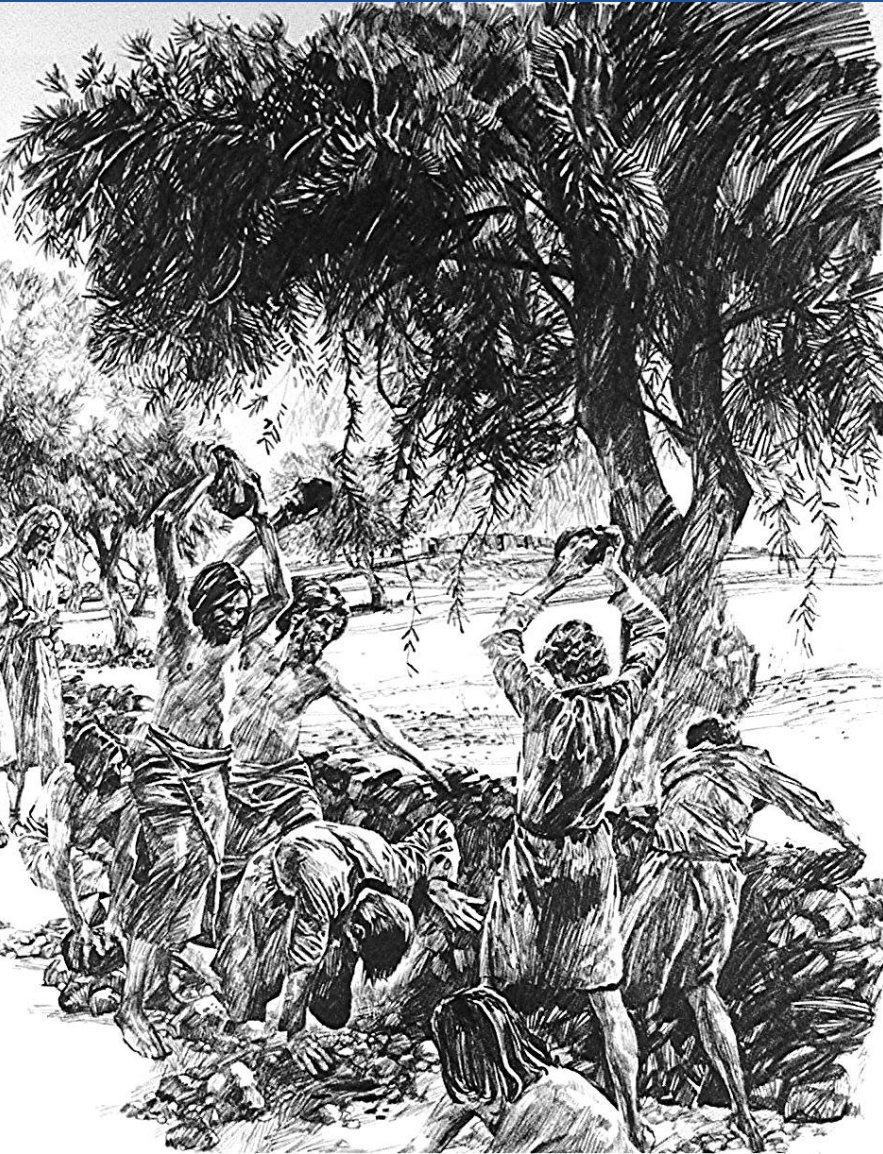
- Man executed for gathering sticks on Shabbat
- God orders stoning
- Ex.35:2
“.....Sabbath....whoever does any work shall be put to death.....”
- Issue was INTENT
- Did he INTEND to start a fire which was an understood Sabbath violation?
- Moses took it to God

THE MANNA PRINCIPLE

- Gathering had to be finished BEFORE Shabbat
- Rabbis saw as exact analogy with gathering sticks
- Shabbat and Yom Kippur put on the same level of importance
- **Karet** was the punishment for a “high handed” sin, so why was the man stoned to death?



CIVIL LAW vs. KARET



- Stoning is a result of civil (judicial) law
- Karet is a result of divine (religious) law
- Civil law carried out by men
- Karet carried out by God
- The man gathering sticks was subject to BOTH!
- Principle: there is physical death and spiritual death
- Only God can enact spiritual death
- Christ saves from spiritual death, not physical

IS KARET POSSIBLE FOR A BELIEVER?

- **NAS Hebrews 10:26** *For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins.....*
- This is merely a re-statement of the Law about high-handed (willful) sins
- The concept of deliberate vs. unintentional sin was alive and well among Believers in the NT era