

# Israel and the Nations

Old Testament Non-Israelites

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# **During OT Times, Israelites Forbidden To Mingle Or Intermarry With Gentiles**

- DEUT. 7:1-6, 12:30-31
- EXO. 23:32, 34:10-16
- PSA. 106:34-37
- JER. 10:2
- EZEK. 23:30
- EZRA 9-10

# GOD'S EXPECTATIONS OF GENTILES

- ROM 3:29 Or is God *the God* of Jews only? Is He not *the God* of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, <sup>30</sup> since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one.
- Some expectations were THEOLOGICAL (Rom. 1:18-28)
- Some were DEVOTIONAL (Psa. 117:1; Mal. 1:11)
- Some were MORAL (Rom. 1:24)

# **GENTILES ACCEPTED IN CHRIST**

- Old Testament (ISA 11:10; 42:6; 49:6; 62:2)
- New Testament (Lk. 2:32; Rom. 9:24; Gal. 3:8, 28-29)