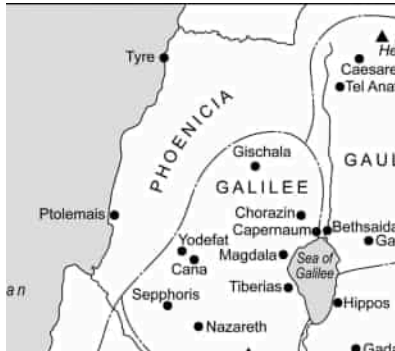


# Matthew 15:21-28

## Gospel of the Messiah & His Kingdom Come

### Jesus is the Messiah of the Jews



Jesus and His disciples in *gentile* territory when a *gentile* woman begs Jesus for help.

### Progression of Jesus' Response to the Canaanite woman.

- **Silence...**

...but not dismissal. Keeps open the door for dialogue.

- **I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**

She referred to Jesus as “the Son of David”, a title of the Jews for the Jewish Messiah. Jesus’ response affirms His commitment to the nation of Israel as their Messiah. As a gentile, she has no standing to appeal to Him on the basis of His being the Messiah - He is the Messiah of the *Jews*.

- **It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.**

Here, Jesus opens the door to the Canaanite woman and she seizes on the opportunity. For in Yahweh’s broader family there are His “children” (the Jews) and there are His “dogs” (house dogs/gentiles). On this basis she could appeal to Jesus for help which He readily and joyfully gave.

**JESUS IS EMPHASIZING THE FACT THAT  
HE IS THE MESSIAH OF THE JEWS  
AND  
GENTILES ARE PART OF GOD'S HOUSEHOLD**

## PENTECOST 33AD AND THE NEW COVENANT

On Pentecost 33AD, the New Covenant promised to the nation of Israel was inaugurated (Jeremiah 31:31-37).

Eventually it was discovered that Yahweh had graciously included gentiles in the spiritual blessings of the New Covenant He made with Israel (Acts 10).

By the 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD, the predominately gentile Christian church misinterpreted Yahweh's inclusion of gentiles in Israel's blessings as an indication that He had rejected the nation of Israel. This led to the blasphemous, antisemitic doctrine of *Replacement Theology*. Replacement Theology teaches that Yahweh's unconditional covenants with the nation of Israel have all been abrogated (cancelled) and that there is no future for Israel in Yahweh's endtimes program. Further, it teaches that all the unfulfilled covenant promises to Israel will be fulfilled "spiritually" in the Church. Replacement Theology led to active persecution of Jews at the hands of gentile Christians.

Shamefully, our gentile spiritual forefathers did exactly what the Apostle Paul warned us gentiles *not to do*...

## ROMANS 11:11-36

<sup>17</sup> But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, <sup>18</sup> do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. <sup>19</sup> Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." <sup>20</sup> That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. <sup>21</sup> For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you.

**Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah promised to the Jewish nation of Israel.**

**We gentile believers are eternally grateful Yahweh included us in the spiritual blessings of His New Covenant with Israel.**

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### NEWS & NEEDS

- Last Day! **Operation Christmas Child** on the patio. \$25.00 to pack a box.
- **Baby Dedication Class:** Dec. 7, 10 am, Upstairs Conference Room.
- Ladies Bible Study: **Keeping Your Heart Free In Jesus.** See Cathy Nelson to sign up.
- **Ladies Christmas Gala:** December 12 & 13. Sign up on the app! Men - We need servers! Sign up on the patio!
- Visit the **Adopt-A-Mom** tree on the patio and bless a RPCC family this Christmas!
- **VOM:** Disposable antiseptic wipes, individually wrapped.
- **The Security Team** is looking for a few volunteers! Must be over 21. Text Jeff McEntee at (760) 822-6785.