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### **The Elect of God**

Who are the elect and what are they like? (Matt 24:24,31) The elect are told how to be in Col 3:12. The therefore in verse 12 goes back at least to the first verse in the chapter, and all the way through to the last, verse 24. The elect — 2 Cor 5:10 — will be rewarded as to what they have done. So who is it that will not, who is it that can not be deceived? (Matt 24:24) And who are they who will be gathered at the last trump — Matt 24:31 (Matt 24:22) — and will be taken up with Him in the air? Rev 17:14 — The called (the elect) and faithful (the chosen ones) — 1 Thess 4:16. The elect are those who are taken up (Matt 24:40-43). They are prepared and ready — Rev 19:7,8 — and worthy of Him, Rev 3:5; Col 1:10.

Col 1:10-14 describes the elect in a nutshell. The elect are worthy — Matt 10:37 and Rev 3:4. Israel is the elect: Is 49:6; Acts 26:7; Eph 2:12:19; 1 Pet 2:9 and James 1:1; etc. The woman of Rev 12:1 is the Edah of Rev 1:6 and 5:9. 1 Pet 2:9 settles all disputes of carnal men that a church is anything other than the elect, the nation of Matt 21:43 — Israel. (Gal 6:16; Luke 6:3; Acts 15:7; Acts 9:15; Luke 9:35; 23:35; Mark 13:20; Matt 24:22)

### **The Holy Nation**

Matt 21:43 is verified by Paul in Acts 13:48 as the fulfillment of Is 49:6. Romans chapters 9 through 11 is preoccupied with the fact of Israel's rejection — and of choosing the nation of 1 Pet 2:9. Rom 9 through 11 teaches us of Israel's rejection and the election of a new nation to bring about the purpose of God and the fulfill the promise to Abraham. (Is 49:8; Gen 15:18; 18:19; 17:7,8) The first church saw themselves as heirs of Israel's election, a chosen generation who came out of the perverse generation which was rejected — Acts 2:29-41. It was the generation which had crucified the Lord of glory, verse 37, their King.

1 Pet 2:9 is a holy, separated, chosen nation — Matt 21:43. Those who overlook this are of the devil's deception. Eph 1:4,11 — YAHWEH's salvation is their King — Matt 1:21. His people are the elect (2 Thess 2:13; 2 Pet 1:10; Col 3:12; Matt 24:22,24,31), and they will keep the feasts — Col 2:16,17; Acts 20:5-7. Matt 24:22,24,42 are those who are as Col 3:12 says they are. (If we are not that way the earth will not spin twice as fast — Matt 24:22,24,31). The elect are holy and beloved. They put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, bearing with (all the elect) one another, forgiving one another, as Messiah forgave them.

Forgiving — 5483: to do a favor, show kindness unconditionally, give freely, grace. Forgiveness is not simply saying you forgive, but it is showing it by these things, i.e., Col 3. Col 3:9 says do not lie to one another, do not lie to fellow elect or chosen ones — Eph 1:4. Col 3:12 says how not to lie to one another. Verse 5 and verse 4 goes along with Matt 24:31 (1 John 3:2). Col 3:2 is what the elect who are taken up with Him have all always been doing, and verse 1 as well. The elect are those of verse 3, 5 (Luke 9:23 and Rom 6:4; 8:13) They are putting to death the earthly members. Evildoers, the sons of disobedience, the unelect, will experience the wrath of God — Col 3:6, and verse 7 is just like Eph 2:1-3. The elect are worthy of him — Col 1:10 and Rev 3:4,5. (The Holy Spirit has to illuminate your mind to reveal these things to you.)

### **Pretender**

The elect are not self-centered. They can't be, not if they are obeying the Master and walking in a manner worthy of Messiah and the gospel of Messiah — Luke 9:23. (The line of the teaching was blurred here by the copier.) John 8:31,32,36 — lest we be mere pretenders — John 9:41 (1 John 1:6) A pretender is one who claims to see but doesn't see at all. To pretend is to claim or allege insincerely or falsely. It is to represent fictitiously, to make believe, to put forward a claim, to assume falsely an identity. A pretender is one who simulates, he presents a

false appearance. Claiming a position of distinction is always a sure sign of a pretender. Claiming a position of merit is likewise a sure indication of a pretender. Making an extravagant outer show is the flesh wanting to be recognized. So is wanting a position of importance or distinction.

John 9:41 says these people will never be able to escape their guilt — it will remain upon them forever and ever — Rev 19:3. Yahshua said to the pretenders that if you were blind you would have no sin, but because you now claim to have sight your sin remains. If you were blind you would not be guilty of sin but because you insist to be able to see clearly — your guilt remains throughout eternity. The smoke of their torment will never cease to go up — Rev 19:3.