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Who are the Gentiles?

Christians have been told for centuries that the word “gentile” means “a non-Jew”. This statement has no bearing in any fact Scriptural or linguistic, and has caused much confusion among the people of most denominations in their attempt to understand The Word of God.

The word “gentile” simply means “nation”, because the word “gentile” in the 1st century New Testament Greek text is ETHNOS and means precisely -- NATION. It does not mean “a non-jew”. When you read “gentile” in your Bible it is a mistranslation that should read nation.

Centuries before Christ arrived as The Savior in the area of Judea, most Israelites and a good part of Judah (these two groups being the Saxon descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) had already migrated North and West of Judea, into Europe. Thus, they were the “Gentiles” or “Nations” to whom the Gospel was preached. When we read about the apostle Paul “going to the Gentiles”, it means that Paul went to the dispersed racial Israelites in the scattered *nation/ethnos/gentile* lands northwest of Palestine. Neither Paul nor any apostle went to all the different people of the world. They were sent to seek out the racial Israelites who had gone North of Judea.

When Jesus Christ was in Judea and teaching to the remaining Judahites there, He made the statement “*Other sheep I have which are not of this fold*” (*John 10:16*) He referred to the people of the scattered Israel tribes (the scattered Gentiles) who had left the area of Judea and for whom Christ had also come. Among other references we see them mentioned by James the apostle in his book: “*James, a servant of God and of the Master Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.*” (*James 1:1*) These were Israelites and they were Christians. It would be the vast number of these Israelite Christians whose descendants would go on to build the many white Christian nations of Europe. (By the way, these are not “Jews”)

Below is the word “ethnos” in 1st century New Testament Greek as found in the Bible, which the churches have told their congregations means “Gentile”. It does not. “Ethnos” means “nation” as this Scripture dictionary clearly shows. The 2nd letter is “theta” pronounced as “th”. The church English Bible translators have not been honest with the people. “*Ethnos*”:

