

*Does Deuteronomy 28 prove blacks are the true children of Israel?*

Deuteronomy 28 discusses blessing for obedience (Deut 28:1-14) and cursing for disobedience (vv. 15-68) for the Hebrews. It does not prove that blacks are descendants of them.

Regarding Jeremiah 13:23<sup>1</sup>, Matthew Poole wrote:

... Ethiopians are of the posterity of Cush the son of Ham, brother to Mizraim, the father of the Egyptians, Gen. 10:6. For these were the only people of old noted for their black colour in Scripture, as the Ethiopians are now....<sup>2</sup>

During the dispensation of grace, when one comes to Christ he is neither Jew nor gentile.

In 1 Corinthians the apostle Paul wrote:

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many. 1 Co 12:13–14

And to the Colossians he wrote:

Where there is neither Gentile nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian nor Scythian, bond nor free. But Christ is all, and in all. Col 3:11

And to the Galatians he wrote:

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Ga 3:28–29

So-called race is irrelevant in God's kingdom. There is one race—the human race according the bible (Ac 17:26). Becoming of one mind in the faith is what is important (1 Pe 3:8).

Philemon is a book about what Christian love is meant to be.<sup>3</sup> Unfortunately, men use ethnicity to divide people groups (Eccl 10:2, Jn 10:10); but, God does not value one for his skin pigmentation. He is creative and purposefully makes individuals unique (Ps 139:14).

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<sup>1</sup> Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil (Jer 13:23).

<sup>2</sup> Poole, M. (1853). Annotations upon the Holy Bible (Vol. 2, p. 540). New York: Robert Carter and Brothers.

<sup>3</sup> Additional themes: guiltless substitutes for guilty (Phm 17), illustration of imputation (v. 18). McGee, J. V. (1991). Thru the Bible commentary: The Epistles (1 and 2 Timothy/Titus/Philemon) (electronic ed., Vol. 50, pp. 182–183). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.