

Keeping Your Eternal Perspective
Video Bible Study | First Peter 2:9-10 | 5/29/20

“What Do I See?” (Read the text)

⁹ But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God’s OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY. (1 Peter 2:9–10)

“What Does It Mean? (Answer some questions)

1. Verse 9 starts off with a contrast. Who is Peter contrasting?

2. Peter applied OT descriptions of Israel to Christians. Look each passage up and fill-in the term from v.9. What do you think each description teaches us about how we are to think of ourselves?

OT Passage	Description used by Peter
Exod 19:6	
Isaiah 43:20-21	
Exod 19:5	
Exod 19:6	

3. Our new identity (v.9) has a purpose. What is it? What does this look like in everyday practice?

4. We just identified what we are supposed to do. What does the passage teach us about what God already did?

*“And I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, ‘You are my people’; and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’ ”
(Hosea 2:23, ESV)*

Digging Deeper: “The New Testament Use of the Old Testament”

At times, it may be confusing to understand how a NT author uses an OT passage. (Some even accuse NT authors of misquoting the OT, alleging errors in the Scriptures!) Here are a few principles to bear in mind when it seems baffling. First, NT authors knew their Scripture. Often, they are simply using Scripture as a vehicle of expression without interpreting it. Secondly, it’s not uncommon for the NT author to drive home the significance of a passage without explaining its original meaning (compare 1 Cor 9:9 to Deut 25:4). Thirdly, there is both near and far fulfillment in the Bible. An OT prophecy can be fulfilled not only in Jesus’ day, but also in the End Times that are yet to come (multiple fulfillments). In conclusion, be encouraged that the Holy Spirit inspired all biblical authors to record God’s Words exactly as He wished. And keep reading ... the more you do, the better you’ll interpret!