

Cornelius

the first

Hebrew

Convert

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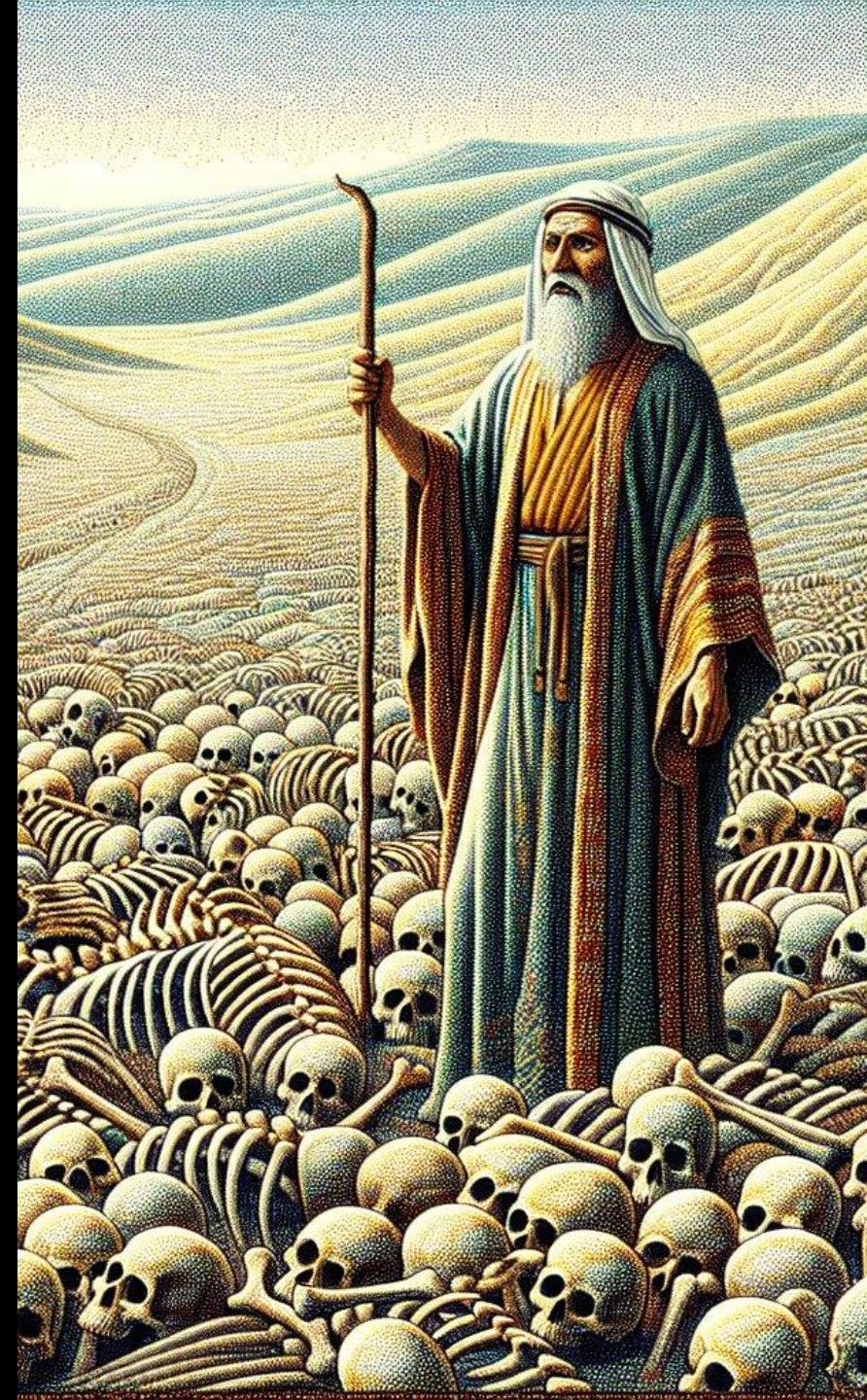
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- Was the first named 'Hebrew' convert.
- Peter 'opened' the Kingdom to Israel



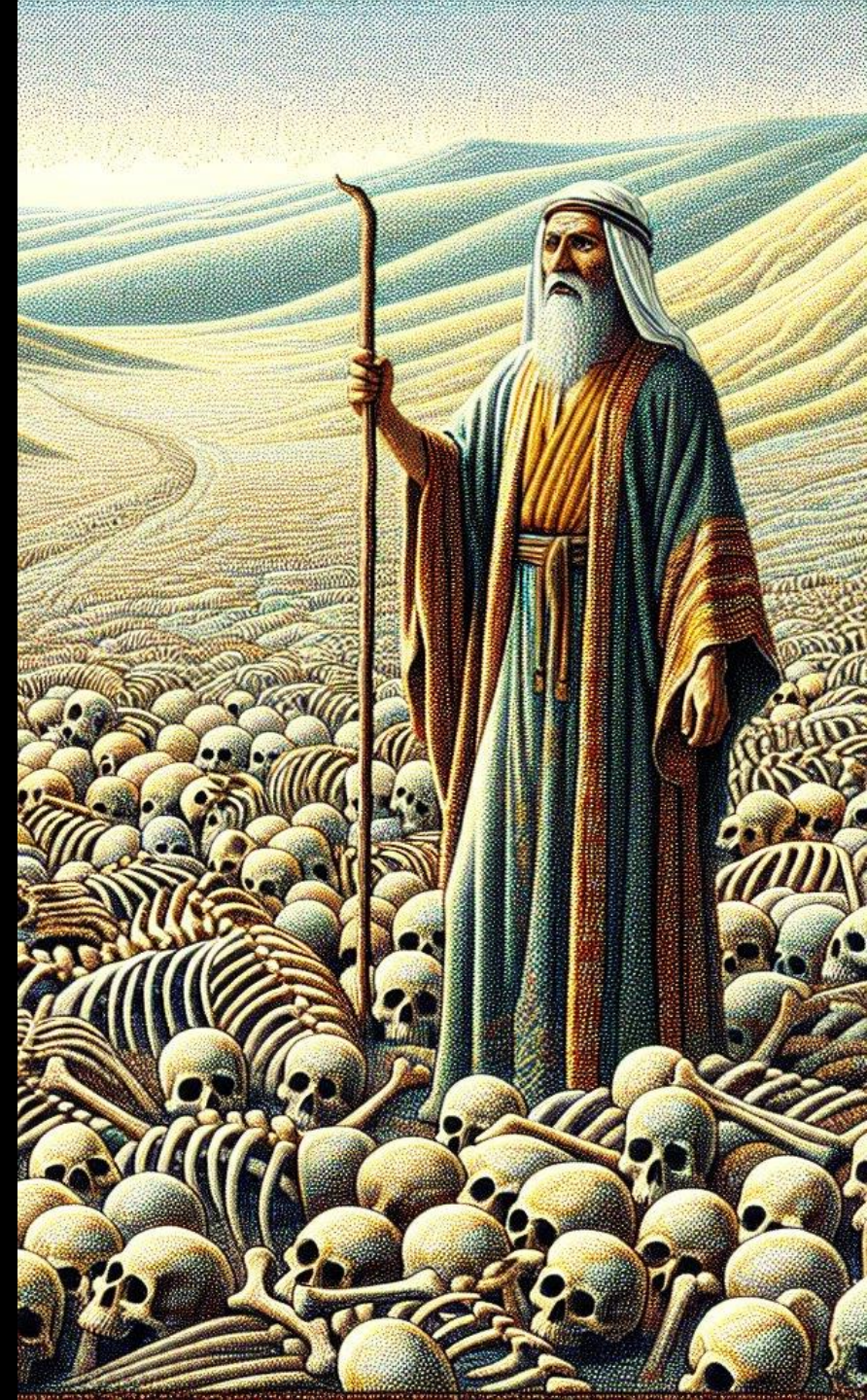
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NKJ **Ezek. 37:11** - "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!'



^{NKJ} **Ezek. 37:15-17** - "... son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it 'For Judah and for the children of Israel, his companions.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his companions.' ¹⁷ "Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand.



NKJ **Ezek. 37:18-28** - "And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, 'Will you not show us what you mean by these?'--

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NKJ Ezek. 37:21-22 - "Surely I will take the children of Israel **from among the nations**, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; ²² "and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again.



**Cornelius –
Not a Gentile**

^{NKJ} **Acts 10:22** - And they said, "Cornelius the centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good **reputation** (Gr. 'martureo' – Strong's 3140) among all the nation of the Jews..."

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NKJ **Lev. 26:40-42** - ⁴⁰ `But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, and that they also have walked contrary to Me, ⁴¹ and that I also have walked contrary to them and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they accept their guilt-- ⁴² then **I will remember (Heb. 'sakar' / Greek 'mnemosunon')**³ **My covenant** with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember; I will remember the land.

NKJ **Exodus 2:23-24** - Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. ²⁴ So God heard their groaning, **and God remembered (zekar) His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.**

**Peter –
Opens the Kingdom to Israel**

NKJ **Matt.** 16:13-19 - ..."Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"
¹⁴ So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**" ¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ "And **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

NKJ Acts 10:9-12 - The next day ... Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. ¹⁰ Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance ¹¹ and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. ¹² In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air ...



NKJ **Isaiah** 11:11-12 - It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall set His hand again the **second time to recover the remnant of His people** who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea. ¹² He will set up a banner for the nations, And will **assemble the outcasts of Israel**, and gather together the dispersed of Judah **from the four corners of the earth.**

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NKJ Jer. 12:14-15 - Thus says the LORD: "Against all My evil neighbors who touch the inheritance which I have caused My people Israel to inherit-- behold, I will pluck them out of their land and pluck out the house of Judah from among them. ¹⁵ "Then it shall be, **after I have plucked them out, that I will return and have compassion on them and bring them back, everyone to his heritage and everyone to his land.**⁵

NKJ Acts 10:28 - Then he said to them, "You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

‘nation’ = ‘allophulos’
(Strong’s 246)
‘allos’ (243) = from;
phyle(5443) = ‘Tribe’



NKJ Matt. 19:28 - So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve **tribes (phyle - 5443)** of Israel.

NKJ James 1:1 – "... a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve **tribes (phyle - 5443)** which are scattered abroad: Greetings."

NKJ **Romans 11:1** - NKJ **Romans 11:1** I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, *of* the **tribe (phyle - 5443)** of Benjamin.

Conclusion:

- Cornelius is a fulfillment of Ezekiel's Prophecy
- Cornelius was not a 'gentile' in the context of the Jewish people
- Peter was used by YHVH to bring in the first named 'convert' from the Lost Tribes
- Yeshua was true to His word, and the restoration had begun.



"I was not sent except to the lost
sheep of the house of Israel."

NKJ **Matt. 15:24**



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Shalom Aleichem

Peace be Unto You

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