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The Kingdom of Elohim and Dual Nationality

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I was looking for a 21^{st} century identity term to describe the people in *The Great Day of Judgment Parable* of Jesus.

When the Son of Man comes in his glory with all the angels accompanying him, then he will sit on his throne of glory. All nations will be gathered before him . . . Then the King will speak to **those nations standing on his right side**: "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

All the nations of the Earth are judged by a single standard. The people in "the nations that inherited the kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world," had been living in ways that met the requirements for membership in the "kingdom prepared from the foundation of world." Jesus called it "The Kingdom of Elohim."

I did a search on "<u>usa.gov</u>" and found the term: <u>dual nationality</u>. Dual nationality or dual citizenship means being a citizen of the United States and another country at the same time. You have a dual nationality <u>if you owe</u> **allegiance** to both the U.S. and a foreign country.

"Dual nationality" describes the nations in the group on the right that "inherited the "kingdom founded from the foundation of the Earth." Their laws had to be in harmony with the standard the King used to judge all the nations of the earth. At that time, people everywhere were very familiar with the meaning of the word "allegiance." It is defined as "the tie or obligation, implied or expressed, which a subject owes to his sovereign or government; the duty of fidelity to one's king, government, or state."

The people in the nations standing before the King were not judged by the places they were born, who their parents were, the name of their nation, or the name of

¹ The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, 5th Edition

the King. Nations inherited the "kingdom founded from the foundation of the Earth" because they were loyal and faithful subjects of King Elohim, the Creator of the Skies and the Earth.

Elohim made an Alliance with the first two humans on the Sixth Day of Creation. It includes all of their descendants. In other words, <u>the Creator made a</u> <u>covenant with all humankind</u>. This parable is the only place Jesus directly refers to the Alliance in Genesis. But Jesus will describe <u>the rights and</u> <u>obligations of the Alliance</u> in his teachings.

Two blessings Jesus taught in the famous "Sermon on the Mount" introduce his Kingdom of Elohim Movement. The blessings are found in Matthew 5:9-10. Here are the verses from the King James Translation:

The First Blessing

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

The Second Blessing

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

What do the words of the *King James Translation* mean to you? Now I will read the same verses from our *Exploring the Bible English Translation*:

The First Blessing

"Blessed and empowered <u>are</u> the Shalom Makers.
They <u>are</u> making people's lives more complete, healthy, and wholesome.
They <u>are</u> making people's homes safer places to live.
They <u>are</u> making places around people's homes more secure and restful.
They <u>are</u> living in harmony with others.
They <u>are</u> doing things together that are mutually beneficial.
They <u>are</u> loyal and committed to each other.
They <u>shall be</u> called sons of Elohim."

The Second Blessing

"Blessed and empowered <u>are</u> those who pursue opportunities to be loyal and faithful to their King, the Creator of the Skies and the Earth. They <u>are</u> the Kingdom of Elohim." In the *Parable of the Great Day of Judgment*, those who were "loyal and faithful to the King by fulfilling the terms of the Alliance He made with all humankind" entered into eternal life! In other words:

"Those who were Shalom Makers entered into eternal life!"
They revealed the "image of Elohim" on Earth through their actions.

I compared the actions revealed in the two blessings in Matthew with two of the most important documents in American history – *The Declaration of Independence* and *The Constitution of the Unites States of America*. I found no conflicts between these documents and the obligations of the Alliance. They both:

- Make people's lives more complete, healthy, and wholesome.
- Make people's homes safer places to live.
- Make places around people's homes more secure and restful.
- Live in harmony with others.
- Do things together that are mutually beneficial.
- Are loyal and committed to each other.

But when I glanced through Christian Creeds, Statements of Faith of Christian Denominations, Mission Statements of Institutions that are "Paradenominations," I did not find the above obligations listed.

It is clear that the term "<u>Dual Nationality</u>" will work between 21st Century American laws and the obligations and rights of Alliance found in Genesis. It could be a legitimate identity option for people today. But identities like "<u>Dual Religions</u>," "<u>Dual Denominations</u>," "<u>Dual Political Parties</u>," or "<u>Dual Special Interests Groups</u>," <u>are not identity options</u> available for people to use today.

When I anchored the groups that would not accept "dual identities" on a timeline, most of them have Belief Models that can be traced back to a conflict between two men in the 16 century CE – *Pope Leo X and Martin Luther, a Roman Catholic priest and university professor*. They did not resolve their conflict. Luther institutionalized his position when he founded the first Protestant Church.

Both men died, but their conflict continued through their institutions. The **Thirty Years' War** was one of the longest and most destructive conflicts in European

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² Paradenominations have existed since the 19th century, operating alongside denominations, crossing boundaries and enabling joint efforts between various groups. *World Christian Trends AD 30 – AD 2200* By David B. Barrett & Todd M. Johnson, © 2001; p. 33.

history, lasting from 1618 to 1648. It was a war between Roman Catholics and Protestants. It was fought primarily in Central Europe. An estimated 4.5 to 8 million soldiers and civilians died as a result of battle, famine, or disease.³

Since the Kingdom of Elohim is linked to the Alliance Covenant in Genesis, the Jesus Movement was not a "religion," it was a "kingdom on Earth" created by a covenant. Members of the Kingdom of Elohim viewed themselves as the subjects of King Elohim. For people with Biblical Heritages, "Dual Nationality" might be a "middle ground identity option" that is much better than keeping "mutually exclusive identities" which have long histories of conflicts and wars.

Remember, I am talking about *parables and ancient wisdom*. *I am not talking about "Dual Nationality" literally*.

- Do not apply for a "Dual Nationality" passport!
- Do not create a new "Dual Nationality Religion."

Also remember that I am talking about actions not beliefs. The path that leads to the fulfillment of the Alliance obligations begins with internalizing **shared stories** and adding the **Seven Day Calendar** from the Genesis story to your daily schedule. BHC's Lives 1st Educational Network provides information that presents you with options that will guide you on this new path.

The journey begins with going to the Welcome Page on our website. You can access it from a computer or smartphone 24 hours a day, seven days a week – and it's free.

Choose Life! Do TOV! Make Shalom, Jim Myers, President Biblical Heritage Center, Inc. jim@biblicalheritage.org

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³ <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirty_Years'_War</u>