

**Stand Out**  
**1 Peter 2:9-11**  
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**1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)**

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**Exodus 19:5–6 (ESV)**

5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

**What made the Jews, God’s chosen people so different?**

Tabernacle/Temple full of God’s Words, not images  
Laws recognizing sacredness of human life, equal justice  
Linear time vs cyclical-future hope based on promises  
God is not a part of nature, but the Creator of nature.

Diversity had very little to do with how *they* wanted to live and everything to do with how *God* would reveal His “otherness” through them—something the whole world needed to see and know. Their diversity was not “Look at me, I’m different, and you must accept and affirm my differences.” It was “Look at God. He is different, and His ‘otherness’—His holiness—is reflected in the countless ways He has called us as His people to stand out.” It is the difference between egocentric diversity and theocentric diversity

**Why should we care about the ancient laws of Israel?**

1. These laws were the Bible Jesus read (Luke 24:27)!
2. All scripture is beneficial (2 Timothy 3:16).
3. Obedience is Jesus’ love language!

**John 14:21 (NLT)**

Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me.

Holiness, “otherness,” separation  
Justice, fairness, righteousness  
Life, thriving, flourishing

**Leviticus 13:40 (NIV)**

40 “A man who has lost his hair and is bald is clean. Holiness, otherness, separation

### **Leviticus 18:1–5 (ESV)**

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the Lord your God. 3 You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. 4 You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God. 5 You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.

### **Deuteronomy 22:11 (ESV)**

You shall not wear cloth of wool and linen mixed together.

### **Leviticus 19:27–28 (ESV)**

You shall not round off the hair on your temples or mar the edges of your beard. 28 You shall not make any cuts on your body for the dead or tattoo yourselves: I am the Lord.

Leviticus 11-the divine menu.

### **Mark 7:18b–20 (NLT)**

“Can’t you see that the food you put into your body cannot defile you? 19 Food doesn’t go into your heart, but only passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer.” (By saying this, he declared that every kind of food is acceptable in God’s eyes.) 20 And then he added, “It is what comes from inside that defiles you.

Justice, fairness, righteousness

### **Leviticus 19:15 (ESV)**

“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.

### **Exodus 21:23–25 (ESV)**

23 But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, 24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 25 burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

### **Deuteronomy 23:15–16 (NLT)**

“If slaves should escape from their masters and take refuge with you, you must not hand them over to their masters. 16 Let them live among you in any town they choose, and do not oppress them.

Life, thriving, flourishing

**Exodus 23:19b (NIV)**

“Do not cook a young goat in its mother’s milk.

**Life is precious. Don’t do anything that numbs or weakens your resolve to protect it!**

**1 Peter 2:9, 11 (GW)**

However, you are chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, people who belong to God. You were chosen to tell about the excellent qualities of God, who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light... Dear friends, since you are foreigners and temporary residents [in the world], I’m encouraging you to keep away from the desires of your corrupt nature. These desires constantly attack you. 12 Live decent lives among unbelievers. Then, although they ridicule you as if you were doing wrong while they are watching you do good things, they will praise God on the day he comes to help you.