

## Ephesians 2:12 – Exegetical

### **EPHESIANS 2:12:**

**That you were at that time without**

ὅτι ἦτε (**Impf AI 2<sup>nd</sup> p.pl. εἰμί**) τῷ καὶ ἐκείνῳ χωρὶς

**Christ having been alienated from**

Χριστοῦ ἀπηλλοτριωμένοι (**PfPP n.m.pl.of ἀπαλλοτριόω**) τῆς

**the commonwealth of Israel and**

τῆς πολιτείας τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ καὶ

**strangers from the covenants of**

ξένοι τῶν διαθηκῶν τῆς

**promise having no hope and without**

ἐπαγγελίας ἐλπίδαμ μὴ ἔχοντες (**PAP n.m.pl of ἔχω**)

**God (godless) in the world.**

ἄθεοι ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ

### **EPHESIANS 2:12 (EXEGETICAL)**

*“Remember that, at that time (while lost) you were separated from Christ, having been alienated from the citizens of Israel, and aliens from the covenants of the promise not having future expectation, Godless, in the Devil’s world.”*

*“that you were WITHOUT CHRIST” – THE UNSAVED SIDE – WRONG, PRE-SALVATION IDEAS.*

## Ephesians 2:12 – Exegetical (Continued)

**Vs. 11** shows some false standards on the wrong side of the BARRIER – the unbeliever’s side – the lost side – wrong concepts in mind, soul and body. Some people, upon salvation, bring some wrong pre-salvation ideas to the saved side. This verse says you were (imperfect – continuous action in times past – you were and did not improve. Active voice – Ephesian believers) at that time (kairos-καίρως) a period of time before salvation.

Note 5 Realities on the Wrong Side:

1. Without Christ
2. Aliens from commonwealth of Israel (politeia = citizenship of Israel)
3. Strangers from the covenant of promise (xenos-foreigner to Grace – unconditional covenants)
4. **Gen. 12** God’s promise to Abraham: “sand of the sea” (God promise to Israel – real estate not yet possessed)
5. Davidic – God promised to David that he would have a son who would reign forever) (a New Covenant – all covenants relate to eternal life – born again Israel)

**Vs. 12** translated again: *“Remember, that at that time (while lost) you were separated from Christ, having been alienated from the citizenship of Israel, and aliens from the covenants of the promise not having future expectation” (4-NO HOPE), (5-WITHOUT GOD) “Godless in the world (kosmos – Devil’s World).”*

**VS. 13** – PRESENTS RECONCILIATION

*“Strangers from the covenants”* means unacquainted with Grace.

1. Abrahamic Covenant – God promised that his seed would be as the sand of the sea.
2. Palestinian Covenant – God promised to Israel a piece of real-estate they have not totally possessed,.
3. Davidic Covenant – God promised David he would have a son who would reign forever.
4. New Covenant – all of these are summarized and the guarantee is restated. All demand eternal life – all of them are directed to the Jew who will inherit these things – only born-again Jews.