

Noahide Outreach as a Vital Preparation for the Messianic Era

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Torah teaches, and especially in Chassidic teachings, that all the revelations and miracles that are prophesied to come in the Messianic Era are the result of the efforts we invest in those corresponding directions before Moshiach comes...

Greater efforts now will result in greater revelations in the future.

The Rebbe's *sicha* on Yud-Tes (19th) Kislev, 5742 (Dec. '81): WHAT MUST BE DONE

“We prepare for the Messianic Era by illuminating [the spiritual darkness, of which it is written (Isaiah 60:2)] ‘Darkness covers the earth, and thick darkness [covers] the nations.’ This is accomplished by influencing Gentiles to adhere to the Noahide Code. This can be accomplished directly or indirectly, depending on the person’s ability.”

Hisva'aduyos 5742 v. 2, pp. 523-524.

The Sheva-Mitzvot Campaign

It is now the time – Why now & what to do?

- 1) We are so **close** to the Redemption, that **now** is the time to **prepare** the world and make it fit for the Redemption through Gentiles following the 7 Noahide Commandments.
- *Hisva'aduyos*: 5747 v. 2, p. 613-626; 5744 v. 2, p. 964-965.
- 2) Wellsprings of **Chassidic teachings** must reach out to Gentiles, & they should learn & follow **ethics based on Torah from Sinai**.
- *Hisva'aduyos* 5743 v. 2, p. 628; 5744 v. 4, p. 2168-2169.
- 3) We must teach Gentiles about the Messianic Era, & to observe their 7 Laws as commanded – to **emulate** that time. **This gives Gentiles strength to overcome their challenges**.
- *Sefer Ha'Sichos* 5746 v. 3, p. 293-295; *Hisv.* 5746 v.3, p. 184.

The Rebbe launched the Noahide Campaign with these clear objectives:

- To elevate the world spiritually to prepare for the immanent Messianic Era
- To fulfill the mission commanded to the Jews by G-d through Moses at Mount Sinai
- To bring this to Gentiles in the way that will benefit *them* the most, with the greatest spiritual reward
- As a practical matter: To counter the world's trend into atheism, lawlessness, hedonism, and anarchy
- To bring true unity and brotherhood to mankind
“under the wings of the Divine Presence”

“Ki ner mitzvah v'Torah ohr” --- “For a Commandment is a lamp and Torah is the light” (Proverbs 6:23).

Based on a talk by the Rebbe quoted in “To Perfect the World,” p.34-35

The Jewish people were given the power of the “Torah of *light*” to illuminate the world, by influencing Gentiles to observe the Noahide Code, and by influencing all mankind to behave in a humane and decent manner. The meaning of *true* decency is taught in the Torah, with the principle of maintaining a civilized society by following the **7 Noahide Commandments** along with all their details...

... This will bring the world to be **worthy** and **ready** for the fulfillment of the daily prayer “to perfect the world under the Kingship of the Al-mighty.” [As a result] the world will then be rectified until it reaches absolute perfection, and this will occur when our righteous *Mashiach* ushers in the true and complete Redemption.

A great deal remains to be done **to render the world into a fitting vessel** for its *complete* perfection upon *Mashiach's* arrival. This is the mission to influence Gentiles to behave appropriately, which is accomplished first and foremost by the Jew behaving in a way that displays an **example** [to the Gentiles] of justice and righteousness. Then he should speak to Gentiles and explain **their mission to adhere to the Noahide Code.**

Freedom for Jews to discuss the Noahide Code with Gentiles is a foretaste of the Redemption

(base on a talk by the Rebbe quoted in To Perfect the World, p.37)

The reason for this new freedom now is that in the Messianic Age, the prophecy that “the kingdom will be G-d’s” (*Ovadiah* 1:21) will be fulfilled. Now that we are in the time just before the Redemption, the opportunity has arisen for the Jewish people to influence Gentiles around the world.

This demonstrates that the world has changed for the good... This has reached the point that Gentiles sense, even if only because “their *mazal* [their soul] has seen,” that they need the Noahide Code. They therefore warmly welcome anyone [a Jew or a fellow Gentile] who discusses the Noahide Code with them.

The importance of educational efforts for Gentiles *(based on the Rebbe's talk quoted in "To Perfect the World," p. 203)*

Educational efforts throughout the world, including among Gentiles – especially Pious Gentiles [who are observant of the Noahide Code], **will** prepare the world for the fulfillment of the prophecies

- “to perfect the world under the Kingship of the Almighty,” and
- “For then I [G-d] will turn the peoples to pure language, so that all will call upon the Name of G-d to serve Him with one purpose.”

Making This World into Dwelling Place for G-d Requires Global Influence to Gentiles

For dwelling place for G-d in the *entire* world, it is necessary to influence the **Gentile** nations – the vast majority of mankind... Even were we to influence *all Jews*, in terms of *quantity* this would influence only a small amount of all the nations. This cannot be compared to the scale of the whole world. Hence, it appears that **the Jews alone cannot achieve a dwelling place for G-d among *all* this world...**

If any place in the world lacks proper civilization, that place is not completely fit to be made a dwelling place for G-d. This is one of the reasons that the Jews were commanded “to compel all the inhabitants of the world to accept the *mitzvot* given to the Bnai Noach” ... (which includes the *mitzvah* of **charity**)... This underlines the principle that a Jewish emissaries’ task is to [assist] and influence *the entire world* and make it a dwelling place for G-d.

- A talk to the Kinus HaShluchim, in *Sefer HaSichos 5750*, Vol. 1, pp. 142-145

Gentiles prepare themselves for the Messianic Era by following the Noahide Code

(based on the Rebbe's talk quoted in "To Perfect the World," p. 262-263)

A Jew recites in the Rosh HaShanah prayers, "May everything that has been made know that You have made it." This will be accomplished through the fulfillment of our [Rosh HaShanah] prayer: "Reveal Yourself in the majesty of Your glorious might over all the inhabitants of Your physical world" [when Moshiach comes].

Thus, in the Era of Redemption, G-dliness will be revealed in all creations in the entire world. If so, we **must** influence Gentiles to abide by the Noahide Code, in order **to prepare them** for the ultimate rectification of the world –

"to perfect the world under the sovereignty of the Almighty."

Bringing global unity depends on the wellbeing of communities

(based on a talk by the Rebbe, quoted in To Perfect the World, p. 140-143)

A person must strive for the benefit of others. Human decency implies readiness to forgo personal benefit for the welfare of another person and certainly for the welfare of the entire community.

This holds true even of assisting someone on the other side of the world, whom he has never seen, and with whom he is completely unfamiliar... The vast numbers [of people] need not generate divisiveness and controversy, but on the contrary – its purpose is to be transformed into unity: that the many unite to accomplish a common goal.

Although there many different Gentile nations, all Gentiles are obligated in the 7 Noahide Laws, which must be followed “because *the Holy One, blessed be He*, commanded them” – and “G-d is *One*.” This will bring unity among the Gentiles, even before [the Messianic Era]. By bringing this unity among Gentiles, we generate peace. This is both a **preparation** for and a **foretaste** of the Messianic Era.

G-d Gives Gentiles the Ability to Spread the Noahide Code (from a talk by the Rebbe quoted in To Perfect the World, p. 209-210)

The Noahide Code should be promoted to Gentiles in a way that they will influence their friends in their own areas in this spirit. G-d commands the Gentile to adhere to the Noahide Code and to influence those around him to abide by it, so G-d has surely given him the ability to accomplish this. It only depends upon his willpower, and upon his feeling a desire to make maximum use of his position of influence.

The true task, mission, and source of happiness of Gentiles on this earth – although, officially, they may have various other roles – is that they use their positions of influence wherever possible to influence others to adhere to the Noahide Code. This civilizes society, and thus ensures peace in their city, their country, and the entire world.

Peace can now already be accomplished in the world, in which Gentiles assist one another in all areas related to maintaining a civilized society.

To Summarize:

- The necessary preparation for Moshiach is an essential point of the campaign for learning and observance of the Noahide Code by all Gentiles.
- Since Jews pray so frequently and fervently for Moshiach to come, we must do what we can to help make it happen, now that this opportunity is available...
- *And that is what we are commanded to do*, as stated by Rambam in Laws of Kings, ch. 8, which introduces the Torah Laws for Gentiles in chs. 9-10 and the Torah Laws of Moshiach's coming and the Messianic Era in chs. 11-12.