

Exilic/post-Exilic questions implicit in Genesis 29.31-30.24

1. WHAT MAKES “US” THE PEOPLE OF YHWH/ELOHIM?

- a. Sinai covenant (Exodus/Leviticus)
- b. “new” covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah, Ezekiel)
- c. Davidic monarchy (2 Samuel; Zechariah)
- d. Obedience to Persian king and no intermarriage with “people of the land” (Ezra-Nehemiah)
- e. Descent from Jacob (Genesis)

2. HOW IS OUR SOCIETY ORGANIZED UNDER YHWH’S RULE?

- a. Hierarchically and patriarchally, from the king (of Persia) and his servants down (Ezra-Nehemiah)
- b. Priests (sons of Aaron) and people (Leviticus)
- c. Egalitarian as children within tribes of “Israel” (sons of Jacob) (Genesis)