

Nearing The Nation By Nivrechu



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Regarding your question about the use of the word "nivrechu" to mean more than just "blessing" but rather as "mixed" or "grafted":

In Hebrew, Beresheeth/Genesis 12:3 literally reads: "Ve'nivrechu bekah kol mishpachot ha-adamah." "I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you and in you all the nations of the earth shall be mixed! The Hebrew word translated in most translations as "blessed", is the Hebrew word "ve'nivrechu." "ve-Nivrechu" **appears only three times in the Tanach at Beresheeth 12:3, 18:18 and 28:14 and all three times it speaks of how Avraham will affect the nations of the earth. This word can also mean "mixed" or "grafted" as much as it connotes blessing. This is important when one understands the greater plan of Yahuwah to fulfill His promise to Avraham and his descendants to, yes, certainly "bless" the nations but also in "how" He would do that blessing: via "grafting" or "mixing" of his seed into all the nations.**

Of all the times "blessing" is intended the word generally used is "barak", "yivrechu" "yevarech" or some other variant of "barak." Interestingly, after Yahuwah uses the other forms of the word for "blessing" such as "Va'avarechah" (and I will bless) and "mevarachecha (ones blessing you) He suddenly within the same verse gets very specific by using "nivrechu" when directly alluding to the manner by which He closes that verse describing how He will "bless" Avraham. So yes, on the one hand it certainly can be seen as an additional form of blessing from the root word bet-resh-kaf or "barawk" used most often to mean "blessing." **But again we believe that there is more than just what lies on the surface particularly when one considers the promise of physical multiplicity made by Yahuwah to Avraham and his descendants, a promise that is so overwhelmingly important that it is Avraham's belief in that physical multiplicity promise that then is credited by Yahuwah to Avraham as righteousness resulting in the Avrahamic covenant between Yahuwah, Avraham and Avraham's descendants (through Yitzchak and Yaakov of course) [Beresheeth/Gen. 15:6]** For Avraham knew and trusted Yahuwah to be faithful to fulfill and keep His promise to him of physical multiplicity

irrespective of the seemingly contradictory request by Yahuwah that Avraham sacrifice his son Yitzchak.

We thus believe the use of "nivrechu" at Beresheeth 12:3 is an important nuanced reference by Yahuwah to Avraham of the manner by which all this blessing will occur. (I.e., Avraham by then gets the point that he will be blessed, now Yahuwah is telling him specifically how. This is why then later at Beresheeth 15:4 Avraham is told by Yahuwah that one from his own loins/bowels shall be his heir and not Eliezer. Thus Avraham confidently and faithfully follows Yahuwah's instructions regarding Yitzchak and can even make the bold statement that "we will return" (meaning both he and Yitzchak.) Also, note that at Beresheeth 18:

In five places in the Talmud and other rabbinic literature **nivrechu** is translated as "grafted" or "intermingled." In the orthodox Jewish **Art Scroll Tanach Series**, Volume 1 p. 432 it is written: **"There is an opinion shared by Rashbam, Chizkuni, Da'as Zekeinim and quoted by Tur, that the verb "ve-nivrechu" in Genesis 12:3 is related to the root "barak" (bet-resh-kaf) as in the Mishnaic term "mavreek" meaning to "intermingle" or "graft." Hebrew word "nivrechu" is the niphal conjugation of the root word "barak." Literally it can read: "and in you all nations will be born through mixing." The Art Scroll series agrees. In five places, this word is translated "mixed" or "grafted" by the rabbis (Kelim 7:1, Sotah 43A). The Hebrew for "blessed" is predominantly "yivrechu" not "nivrechu" using the first letter "yud" rather than the "nun". Paul had this understanding and confirms this in Galatians 3:29 and Romans 11:13-17, where he calls non-Jewish believers the grafted-in physical seed of Abraham, in direct fulfillment of the "ve-nivrechu" blessing of multiplicity in Genesis 12:3!**

The Seed, or the Messiah Yahshua, blesses all the nations (the mixed seed of Abraham), and since Jews and Israelites from Ephraim are in all the nations, you have two marvelous concurrent truths floating from Calvary. You have **the Seed** (Moshiach) going into all the nations, with His Word (Mark 4:14), to gather into one Abraham, Isaac and Israel's scattered physical **seed**.

Rav Shaul (Rabbi Paul) is stating what all of us already should know in Galatians 3:19; that salvation and the promise of salvation was brought by the One and Only **Seed**(Moshiach Yahshua), who would, in turn, bless all the nations taking the good news to all of Abraham's sperm globally (Genesis 12:3). And of course, to whosoever else will join with Yisrael ...those who were never of the physical seed of Avraham, but become that seed through by faith in the promised messianic Seed, Moshiach Yahshua.