

Living as an Israelite family—man, woman, and children—and as a unified community within a Gentile world in 2026 requires a conscious, balanced rhythm. Both the King James Version and the Ethiopian scriptures (*Jubilees*, *1 Enoch*, *Tobit*) make it clear that while believers are spiritually set apart, they are not called to live in misery, fear, or total isolation. Instead, the scriptures provide a blueprint for how to build a joyful, thriving, and protected sanctuary inside your home while navigating the broader society. Here is how an Israelite family and community are instructed to live, flourish, and enjoy life together today.

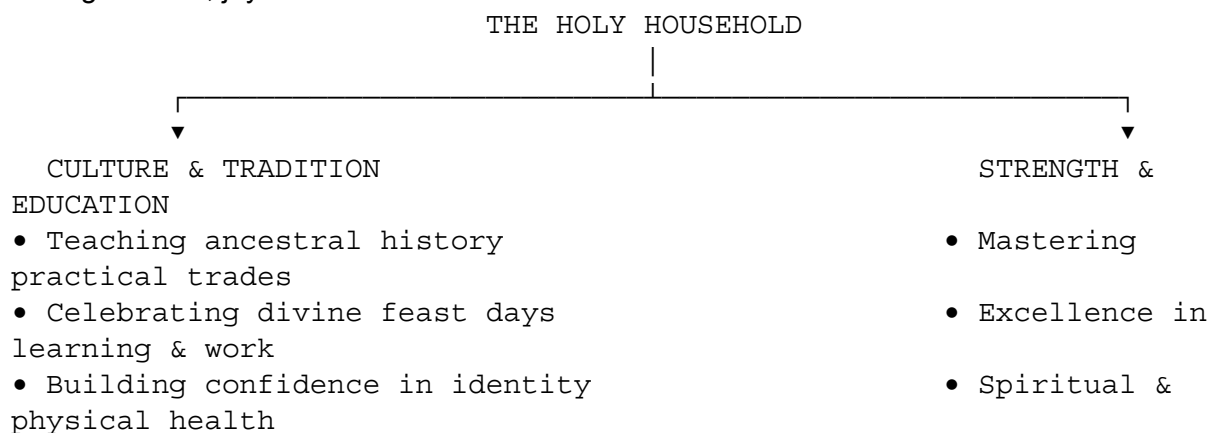
1. The Home as a Sacred Sanctuary of Joy

In a world dominated by Gentile systems, media, and values, the home is meant to be a haven of peace, affection, and celebration.

- **Feasting and Celebrating the Sabbath:** The Sabbath and the biblical Feasts (Passover, Tabernacles, New Moons) are designed by God specifically for **joy and rejuvenation**. In the KJV (Deuteronomy 16:14), God commands: "*And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter...*" The Ethiopian *Book of Jubilees* heavily emphasizes the Sabbath as a day of delight, eating good food, dressing in clean garments, and resting deeply with family.
- **A Culture of Love and Honor:** The scriptural order creates safety. The husband leads with self-sacrificing love (*Ephesians* 5:25), the wife builds and nurtures the household wisdom (*Proverbs* 14:1), and children grow up feeling secure, knowing their identity and heritage.

2. Raising Children with Roots and Confidence

Parenting in 2026 presents unique challenges, but the scriptures provide a clear strategy for raising resilient, joyful children.



- **Instilling Identity Early:** Children who know *who* they are will not be easily swayed by worldly trends. Deuteronomy 6:7 instructs parents to teach the commandments continuously—sitting down, walking by the way, and lying down.
- **The Model of Tobit:** In the Ethiopian canon, the *Book of Tobit* gives a beautiful picture of family life in exile among Gentiles. Tobit teaches his son Tobias to work hard, maintain integrity, give alms joyfully, and keep his mind focused on the Lord while thriving in his

daily affairs.

3. "Occupying" in the Gentile World: Work, Commerce, and Peace

How does a family enjoy living in a society whose values don't align with their faith? Jeremiah 29:5–7 provides the classic scriptural instruction for living in exile:

"Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them... And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace."

- **Excellence Without Compromise:** An Israelite family enjoys life by mastering their crafts, engaging in honest enterprise, and building financial stability. Like Daniel and Joseph, believers can excel in Gentile environments without bowing to their idols.
- **Enjoying Creation and Clean Living:** Enjoying life includes partaking in the simple, wholesome blessings of God's creation—good food according to the dietary laws (*Leviticus 11*), nature, music, and wholesome leisure.

4. The Power of Community: The "Ekklesia"

A single family living in isolation can easily feel overwhelmed. The scriptures mandate the gathering of the community to share burdens, celebrate, and support one another.

Community Pillar	KJV Execution	Ethiopian Scripture Execution (<i>Enoch/Jubilees</i>)
Fellowship & Hospitality	<i>"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together... but exhorting one another."</i> (Hebrews 10:25)	Gathering on the New Moons and appointed times to break bread and maintain unity.
Mutual Support	Bearing one another's burdens and ensuring no family in the community lacks food or shelter (<i>Acts 4:32</i>).	Actively practicing almsgiving (<i>Tobit 4</i>), ensuring widows, orphans, and struggling families are cared for internally.
Intergenerational Wisdom	Older men and women teaching the younger generation how to navigate life, marriage, and faith (<i>Titus 2</i>).	Elders preserving ancestral texts, history, and spiritual discipline for the youth.

Summary: The Secret to Joy in 2026

The key to enjoying life as an Israelite family in a Gentile world is **internal focus**.

You do not need the Gentile world to change for your home to be full of light. By making your household a center of warmth, celebration, and spiritual purpose, and by surrounding yourself with a like-minded community, you create an environment where your family doesn't just survive in 2026—they truly thrive and **occupy** until the King returns.