

The Bible and the Chaldean Name

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Before I proceed, allow me to assert that the modern-day Chaldeans, Nestorians and Jacobites are erroneous religious designations given to the ethnic Assyrians by foreigners. The purposes of doing so were either to divide the people, insult their earlier beliefs and fathers or confuse them.

When we speak of history, we must be methodical and comprehensive. We must argue by considering all related aspects and perspectives of the subject matter. In addition, and most importantly, we, as educated people, must use logic and commonsense before we make our final conclusions.

Few try to link the ancient Chaldeans of southern Mesopotamia with the modern-day Chaldeans of northern Iraq (Mesopotamia). The logical question is: why is it that the mother "Church of the East" NEVER had patriarchs or bishops that were called Chaldean patriarchs or Chaldean bishops since the establishment of the Church of the East and until the official formation of the Chaldean Catholic Church in the region of modern Iraq in 1830? Could anyone name one bishop or patriarch who was known as a Chaldean bishop or a Chaldean patriarch from the early Church days until 1445 when the Nestorians of Cyprus were named Chaldeans after their conversion to Catholicism?

I have argued repeatedly and presented many references that prove clearly that the name Chaldean meant nothing more than a Nestorian who converted to Catholicism. I have also provided records from the Vatican archives and quotes by historians, theologians and writers that are members of the Chaldean Catholic Church that attest to this fact. Therefore, I am not going to repeat all those references.

However, I would like to point to the Holy Book and see how it reflects on the name Chaldeans. The Assyrians (Chaldeans, Nestorians and Jacobites) are predominantly and overwhelmingly Christians, thus, they honor the authority, and follow the teaching, of the Bible. If that is the case, I invite the modern day Chaldeans to read the following verses:

[Isaiah 23:13](#)

Behold the land of the **Chaldeans**; this people was not, till the Assyrian founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness: they set up the towers thereof, they raised up the palaces thereof; and he brought it to ruin.

[Daniel 2:2](#)

Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the **Chaldeans**, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

[Daniel 2:5](#)

The king answered and said to the **Chaldeans**, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.

[Daniel 2:10](#)

The **Chaldeans** answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.

[Daniel 4:7](#)

Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the **Chaldeans**, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof.

[Daniel 5:7](#)

The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the **Chaldeans**, and the soothsayers. And the king spake,

and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

Daniel 5:11

There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, **Chaldeans**, and soothsayers;

So what is the Bible telling us here? The Bible is telling us clearly that the name Chaldean did not reflect an ethnic group, but a profession. The Bible is very clear in equating the name Chaldeans to magicians, astrologers, and soothsayers.

If we consider this fact, consider the numerous references that I have provided in earlier articles about the topic and if we use logic and commonsense, we, as educated people, must reach an undisputed conclusion. This conclusion would be that the modern-day Chaldeans of northern Iraq are not related to the ancient Chaldeans of southern Mesopotamia. Furthermore, this undisputed conclusion would point to the fact that the modern Chaldeans are simply members of the Church of the East that converted to Catholicism and were given this new title in order to differentiate them from the so-called Nestorians.