



50 DAYS OF
UNBROKEN
PRAYER
FOR THE TURKIC WORLD

DAY 37: MAY 11

Karaites

The Karaites are a small Jewish community of about 2,000 people, found mainly in Lithuania and Crimea. Over centuries, Karaite groups migrated from the Middle East into the Byzantine Empire and into Eastern Europe, where they lived in relative isolation and **adopted a Turkic language** known as Karaim.

A larger Karaite population of **up to 40,000 people lives in Israel**. These Middle Eastern Karaites share the same faith but are culturally and historically distinct from the Turkic Karaites of Eastern Europe.



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Both follow Karaite Judaism, based solely on the **Hebrew Bible without rabbinic tradition**. In Eastern Europe, their numbers have declined due to migration and assimilation. They are highly protective of their traditions and community. Exposure to the Gospel is minimal, with Evangelical Christians estimated at less than 0.01%.

Scripture

“He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.”

John 1:11-12

Prayer Points

- ✓ Pray that God would **break down spiritual strongholds** and open the eyes of the Karaites as they read the Torah.
- ✓ Pray that **Ukrainian believers will share the gospel** with their Karaite friends.
- ✓ Pray that leaders in the Karaite movement become interested in **investigating the claims of Jesus Christ**.
- ✓ Pray that God would raise up Christ-like, **Spirit-filled laborers** from among them.



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