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PEOPLE

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***Matthew 24:14 states, "And this good news of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness, unto all the Nations; and then the end will come.***

What is the good news message that Yahshua spoke about? Because of false replacement theology, most of Christianity has lost this true message for almost 2,000 years. I would like to reveal to you, in this book, the beautiful message of the Everlasting Covenant given to Abraham over 3800 years ago, and promised from generation to generation through the 12 tribes of Israel.

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The original Names of our Creator, Yahweh, and His Son, our Savior Yahshua, are also used throughout. The Name Yahweh or YHWH is in the original Hebrew manuscripts 6,823 times. Almost every English translation on earth, including the King James, takes out the Creator's personal Name and replaces it with the name "*Lord*," a generic title that means Baal or Master. Also, our Savior's true given Hebrew Name, Yahshua, which means Yah is salvation, was changed to a Greek hybrid of Jesus, which is a poor transliteration from the Greek IE-Sous. The English transliteration of Yahshua would be equivalent to Joshua. There was no letter J in any language until the 16<sup>th</sup> century. So the Greek name "Jesus" would not be the Name of our Savior. The third commandment strictly forbids taking Yahweh's Name in **vain**. "In vain" literally means to change, falsify, or make common. Taking the Name Yahweh or Yahshua and changing it to Lord or Jesus is definitely going against the clear instruction of the third commandment. So we will use the original true Hebrew Names of the Father Yahweh and the Son Yahshua in this book. We will also use the Hebrew word for deity, Elohim, instead of God.

All Scriptures will be both **bold faced** and *italicized*. All other quotes will only be *italicized*.

## INTRODUCTION

If someone were to ask you, “*What is the good news or Gospel message that Yahshua Messiah brought to earth 2,000 years ago*” what would be your response? Due to replacement theology, most believe that Yahweh was working with the “*Jews*” first, until they rejected His Son Yahshua, and now He is working with the Gentiles, or Nations (all Gentile or in Hebrew “*goyim*” means is *nation*). This could not be further from the truth. In this book I will prove to you that Yahweh chose Abraham and his seed to set up His everlasting covenant, due to the obedience and faith of Abraham, and that today, 3,800 hundred years later, He is still working with the same seed of Abraham: “***The 12 tribes of Israel.***”

I will take you historically from the original blood covenant of Abraham, through the Diaspora of Israel and Judah to the commands of Yahshua to His disciples in the New Testament, up to our modern times today. Most people on earth - and, sorry to say, that includes most that call themselves Christians - have no idea about the plan that our Heavenly Father is working out in the world today. This is because the so-called theological leaders of today are not reading their bibles and putting it together with the true historical records of our forefathers. They are basically being spoon-fed the traditional, theological party lines that history does not back up.

One such fallacy is that all Israelites are Jews. One need not read past Genesis 29 and 30 to see the error in this logic. We can see very clearly that the nation of Israel came into being after Abraham had a son named Isaac, and Isaac in turn had a son named Jacob. Jacob’s name was then changed to Israel after he fought with Yahweh’s Messenger and survived.

***Gen 32:28 “And He said, your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel; because you have persevered with Elohim (Hebrew for God) and with men and have been able.”***

Israel means to *persist with Elohim*. Then Israel (Jacob) had 12 sons by 2 wives and 2 handmaids. The names of the 12 sons are as follows: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, and Benjamin. As one can plainly see, Judah was only “one” out of the twelve sons, and the tribe bearing his name was never the largest out of the 12; yet, when most think of an Israelite, they automatically think of a Jew. I pray to our Heavenly Father that through this book I can enlighten you to a broader perspective to the whole plan of Salvation, by the blood of Yahshua, to all 12 tribes of Israel. You will also see that the Everlasting covenant started with the seed of Abraham and continues today with the same seed of Abraham.

***Gal 3:29 “And if you be Messiah’s then you are Abraham’s seed and heirs according to the promise.”***

When an individual of the Nations (Gentile) joins himself to Yahweh in a covenant relationship, he becomes grafted into the one tree of Israel; Yahweh does not become a gentile Elohim. As a matter of fact, the word “gentile” literally means heathen, so how can a true believer in Yahshua, who has a covenant relationship with Yahweh, be called a gentile or heathen? Even Eph 2:11 clearly states:

***“Wherefore remember, that you being in time past gentiles in the flesh.”***

No true believer in Yahweh or Yahshua today can be called a Gentile or heathen. It is an oxymoron. I believe that when you see the historical migration of the Northern tribes of Israel in Diaspora, you will be much surprised. Far from being lost from history, as most proclaim, they are very much alive today, and still very much in the plan of Yahweh, as they have always been. So let us begin to unravel the scrolls of history and see the wonderful plan of Yahweh through the Everlasting Covenant, starting with Abraham, continuing through our present day, and

reaching beyond the imminent return of our Savior and Messiah Yahshua.

## **Chapter 1- THE BLOOD COVENANT**

When looking at the plan of Salvation of Yahweh, it is only logical that we begin where the Everlasting Covenant was established, with Abraham. We must also realize that our Elohim (Hebrew for God), is an Elohim of covenants, **NOT** religion. Elohim made man in His Own image, yet for the last six thousand years, man has re-created Elohim in **his** image. Religion is a man-made entity that has been used to brainwash and control the minds of people almost since time began.

Our Elohim is not about religion, but about covenant relationships. A covenant is *an agreement between two parties, in which each party has an obligation under the agreement to fulfill*. The most solemn of all covenants is the blood covenant. Each person who repents of his sins and accepts the shed blood of Yahshua ( *true Hebrew name for Jesus*) enters into covenant with Yahweh the Father, through the blood of His Son Yahshua. The only way to have eternal life dwelling in you is by entering this blood covenant relationship; yet, how few who have been immersed (baptized) into the Name of Yahshua even know what the agreement is that they are coming under? In a world of religion, most churches want you to just accept “Jesus” into your heart, when in reality the only way to truly have eternal life is to enter blood covenant with the Father through Yahshua’s sacrifice. There is no greater intimacy than a blood covenant. The word sacrifice in English connotes “*to give something up,*” but the original word in Hebrew for sacrifice “*Korban, lehakriv,*” is derived from the word “*to come near to, to become closely involved in a relationship with someone.*” That is the purpose of the blood covenant. Sin has separated mankind from Yahweh, and sacrifice, and particularly the sacrifice of Yahshua, His Son, is meant to draw us back into relationship with Him.

In Genesis, when Adam and Eve sinned, and chose separation from Yahweh as a penalty for their

disobedience, Yahweh became the first high priest. We read in:

***Gen 3:21 And Yahweh Elohim made coats of skin for the man and his wife, and clothed them.***

So Yahweh performed the first sacrifice of killing an animal in order to “cover” the sin of Adam and Eve, becoming the first High Priest. The word for cover in Hebrew is “*kappar*.” It is where the day of Yom Kippur or atonement comes from, and it means to cover or atone for. So Yahweh set a precedent in Genesis that sins would bring the shedding of innocent blood. Leviticus 17:11 clearly states:

***Lev 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar, to atone for your souls; for it is the blood which makes atonement for the soul.***

Without the shedding of blood there could be no atonement or reconciliation back to Yahweh.

The blood covenant agreement is what each one of us, who accepts the blood of Yahshua for forgiveness of our sins, contracts to perform. It is a legal binding contract in the eyes of Yahweh and is the most serious decision that one will make in their life. This is the agreement that started with Abraham around 3800 years ago, and continues with his seed today, as we will see. Let me take you now through the 9 steps of an ancient blood covenant ceremony. This is not some form of ancient tradition but the very ritual, according to Scripture, that every covenant relationship requires.

**1) Take off your robe or coat.**

The first thing that you would do is take off your coat or robe, and give it to your covenant partner. To a Hebrew, a person’s robe represents who he is. By taking off the robe, he is saying symbolically, “*I am giving you all of myself. My total being and my life, I pledge to you,*”<sup>1</sup> and then you would do the same to him. It is interesting to note that

not only did the high priest take off his robe on the day of Atonement when he finished going into the Holy of Holies (Lev 16:23-24), but our high priest Yahshua took off His robe, as He was being offered as the true Passover sacrifice in Jn 19:23-24.

## **2) Take off your belt**

The next thing you do is take off your belt, and give it to your covenant partner. Now an Israelite does not use his belt to hold up his pants, but to keep his armor. His bow, his arrow and his sword are held in his belt. Symbolically, he is saying that he is giving to you all of his strength and all of his ability to fight. If anyone attacks you, they must also attack your covenant partner. Your battles are his battles and vice versa. He will fight and defend you even with his very life. We see a great example of this aspect of the blood covenant in:

***1Sa 18:3-4 And Jonathan and David cut a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan stripped off the robe on him and gave it to David; also his garments, even to his sword and to his bow and to his belt.***

Jonathan and David are probably the greatest human example of what a true blood covenant relationship is all about. Scripture tells us that their souls were literally knitted together. There is a bond in a blood covenant that goes beyond human love and trust; it is truly loving the other person as yourself. Probably the best example of this in a human relationship would be how a marriage between a man and a woman should be.

In our blood covenant relationship with Yahshua, He has taken of His armor and given it to us through His Spirit.

***Eph 6:10-17 For the rest, my brothers, be made powerful in the Master, and in the might of His strength. Put on all the armor of Yahweh, for you to be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil, because we are not wrestling against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the***



***authorities, against the world's rulers of darkness of this age, against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavnlies. Because of this, take up all of the armor of Yahweh, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having worked out all things, to stand. Then stand firm, "having girded your loins about with truth" and having put "on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod the feet with the preparation of the "good news of peace." Above all, taking up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the darts of the evil one being kindled. Also, take "the helmet of salvation," and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of Yahweh;***

### **3) Cut The covenant**

Now we would actually cut the covenant by taking an animal and splitting it right down the middle. In Scripture, an animal is only split down the middle in a blood covenant ceremony.

After we split the animal, we would lay each half to the side of us and stand in between the two bloody halves of flesh, with our backs to each other. Then we would walk right through the bloody halves, making a figure eight, and come back to a stop facing each other. In doing so we are saying two things. First we are saying that we are dying to our old self, giving up our own rights to our own life, and beginning a new walk with our covenant partner until death. And second, since the blood covenant is such a solemn pact, we each point down to the dead animal and say "Elohim do to me and more if I ever try to break this covenant. Just split me right down the middle and feed me to the vultures if I ever try to break the most sacred of all pacts." We see an example in Genesis 15 of the cutting of this ceremony.

***Gen 15:9-10 And He said to him, Take for Me a heifer three years old, and a she-goat three years old, and a ram three years old, and a turtledove, even a nestling. And he took all these for Him, and he divided them in the middle; and he laid each piece***

**against one another, but he did not divide the bird.**

When ancient Israel entered Covenant with Yahweh, they also repeated this most important part of the blood covenant ceremony.

***Jer 34:18-20 And I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not stood on the words of the covenant which they have cut with Me when they cut the calf in two, and passed between its parts, the rulers of Judah and the rulers of Jerusalem, the eunuchs and the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf; I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those seeking their life. And their dead bodies shall be for food to the birds of the heavens, and to the beasts of the earth.***

So we see that there are grave consequences for breaking a blood covenant. This is truly a matter of life and death, and I honestly pray that you will realize after reading this book that there is more to our covenant relationship than just saying a simple prayer and accepting Yahshua into our life; that this is a most sacred agreement and that there are requirements on both parties involved in a blood covenant, as we are seeing.

I would also like to point out a Scripture in Daniel 9:26, about the prophecy of the Messiah.

***Dan 9:26a And after sixty two weeks, Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself.***

If you look up the Hebrew word for “cut off”, it is *karath*, and it means *to make a covenant by cutting flesh and passing the pieces*. So literally, this scripture is saying that the Messiah will make a covenant by the very cutting of His Own flesh. No wonder why, at the yearly Passover memorial, we are commanded to take the unleavened

bread, and break and eat it, to commemorate this part of the blood covenant.

#### **4) Raise the right arm and mix the blood**

Then we would raise our right arms, cut our palms, and bring them together. As we did this, our blood would intermingle, and we would swear allegiance to each other. We two would become one, just like when a man marries a woman. The word for one in Hebrew is “*echad*.” It is a word that denotes unity. It is the word used in Gen 2:24, where it states that a man shall leave his mother and father and cleave to his wife and the two shall become one (*echad*). It literally denotes a knitting together of the soul, just like David and Jonathon. It is being one in mind, in soul, and in goals. We see that this is the type of relationship that Yahweh and Yahshua want to have with us and want us to have with each other.

***Joh 17:18-23 As You have sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world, and I sanctify Myself for them, that they also may be sanctified in Truth. And I do not pray concerning these only, but also concerning those who will believe in Me through their word; that all may be one, as You are in Me, Father, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And I have given them the glory which You have given Me, that they may be one, as We are One: I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected in one; and that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them, even as You loved Me.***

Oh, how different the Body of Messiah could be today if we only understood this word “*echad*.” One of the biggest problems plaguing the congregations today is selfish motives and worldly ambitions. If we truly want to please our covenant partner, we need to strive for this oneness spoken of in John. We need to desperately strive for a spirit of unity in the body, like never before, and rebuke

every spirit of vanity and gossip and selfishness, to let the Spirit of Yahweh blossom in our hearts to its fullness.

#### **5) Exchange names**

Next we would exchange names, very much the same way as a wife would do with her new husband. Matthew 28:18-19 tells us that when we are immersed (baptized), we do so in the Name of Yahweh the Father and His Son Yahshua.

#### **6) Make a scar**

The next thing we would do is rub our blood together and make a permanent scar as a witness to the covenant we were making. It would always remind you of your covenant responsibilities to your partner. If anyone tried to harm you, all you have to do is lift your arm and show your scar. By that you would be saying that there was more to you than meets the eye. If someone came after you, they would also have to fight your blood covenant partner. And they wouldn't know how big he was, so would they take the chance, or back down? The scar is the seal that testifies to the covenant.

Henry Stanley, on his explorations through Africa, cut covenant 50 times with various chieftains. Now you can understand why. Anytime he would come across an unfriendly tribe, he would just hold up his right arm, with those 50 scars, and any would-be attacker would be running in the opposite direction.

It is interesting to note that, when doubting Thomas questioned the resurrection, he needed to see the scar in Yahshua's hand before he would believe.

***Joh 20:24-25 But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called Twin, was not with them when Yahshua came. Then the other disciples said to him, We have seen the Master. But he said to them, unless I see the mark (scar) of the nails in His hands, and thrust my finger into the mark of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe, never!***

### **7) Give the terms of the Covenant**

Then you would stand before witnesses and give the terms of the covenant. You would say, "All my assets are yours. All my money, all my property, and all my possessions are yours. If you need any of them, you don't even have to ask. Just come and get it. What's mine is yours and what's yours is mine. And if I die, all my children are yours by adoption and you are responsible for my family.

"But at the same time, you also get all my liabilities. If I ever get into trouble financially, I don't come and ask you for money. I come and say, where is our checkbook?"

"We are in covenant. Everything I have is yours, and yours is mine, both assets and liabilities." So you stand there and read off before witnesses both your assets and liabilities.

Let us just stop here a moment and ponder on this part of the blood covenant, because it is most crucial. When we enter a covenant relationship, everything we have belongs to our partner and everything he has belongs to us. Now think about this and be honest, who is getting the better part of the deal with Yahweh and yourself? He is getting your pride, your selfishness, your anger and all the sins that you ever committed and you are getting eternal life as a King and Priest in His Kingdom, forever. What an exchange! What love He has for us, that He would willingly go into such a lopsided agreement!

***Col 2:14 blotting out the written code of debt, that was against us, which was contrary to us, even He has taken it out of the midst, nailing it to the tree;***

Do you know what the word in Greek is for "*written code of debt*?" It is *cheirographon*, and it means a legal document of debt. You can compare it to a mortgage agreement, where you are legally bound to perform a certain task or risk losing your property. What is this legal document of debt? So many falsely believe that it is the Father's eternal law and commandments that Yahshua nailed to the tree of crucifixion. But how can that be,

since there are only blessings for obeying the law, and never curses? There are only curses for disobedience, not faithfulness. What this written code of debt was that Yahshua took away was our ***legal debt*** that we owe our Creator for the sins that we have committed. I believe that, by understanding the blood covenant, this scripture is much clearer to understand. We have a free book entitled "*The Great Falling Away*" that explains the subject of law and grace in much detail. You are welcome to write for a copy of it.

What an awesome Creator that we have! He has taken all of our sins and our burdens upon Himself, and in return has offered us eternal life in His Kingdom. But as we have seen, now our life also belongs to Him. We need to love Yahweh with all our heart, our mind, our soul and our strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. Our lives have been bought and paid for, and we do not belong to ourselves any longer, according to the blood covenant agreement that we made at baptism.

***1Cor 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit in you, which you have from Yahweh, and you are not of yourselves? You were bought with a price; then glorify Yahweh in your body, and in your spirit, which are of Yahweh.***

How many believers truly grasp this concept today? A covenant relationship is about so much more than just saying a little prayer and then continuing in our old selfish way of life; once we enter covenant with our Heavenly Father, by the blood of His Son, we must live for Him. Part of living for Him includes caring for His other covenant people. It means helping the widow and the orphan, and people in need.

***Mat 25:34-36 Then the King will say to those on His right, Come, the blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I hungered, and you gave Me food to eat; I thirsted, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you took Me in; naked, and you***

***clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.***

It is a serious responsibility to enter into blood covenant. We must start to live every day completely to our covenant Partner. We must stop playing “church” and start living true lives of holiness and service toward our covenant Partner.

**8) Eat a memorial meal**

Then, we would have a memorial meal to complete the covenant union. In place of the animal and blood, you would have bread and wine. You would take a loaf of bread and break it in two and feed it to each other and say, “This is symbolic of my body and I’m now putting it in you.” Then you would serve each other the wine and say, “This is symbolic of my blood which is now your blood.” Symbolically you are in each other. This is why Yahshua had the last Passover and changed the symbols to bread and wine instead of a lamb.

***Luk 22:14-20 And when the hour came, He reclined, and the twelve apostles with Him. And He said to them, with desire I desired to eat this Passover with you before My suffering. I say to you that no more, I will not eat of it until when it is fulfilled in the kingdom of Yahweh! And taking a cup, giving thanks, He said, Take this and divide it among yourselves. For I say to you that I will not drink from the produce of the vine until the kingdom of Yahweh comes! And taking a loaf, giving thanks, He broke, and gave to them, saying, This is My body being given for you. This do to My remembrance. And in like manner the cup, after having supped, saying, This cup is the New Covenant in My blood, which is being poured out for you.***

**9) Plant a memorial**

The last step to the blood covenant ceremony is to leave a memorial. You would do this by planting a tree that

would be sprinkled with the blood of the covenant. Yahshua fulfilled this with the tree of crucifixion when He died for the sins of the world.

Now you know the official ceremony that is required to enter a blood covenant, and this was the very blood covenant that Yahweh entered into with Abraham about 3,800 years ago, and also with the Nation of Israel at Mount Sinai, when they left Egypt.

The blood covenant is pivotal to understanding the plan of Salvation through the Nation of Israel. To understand what Yahweh is truly doing on earth today, you must forget religion and only think in terms of covenants.

Also remember that there is not one covenant made in the Bible to gentile or heathen nations. Yahweh very clearly reveals Himself as the Elohim of Israel.

***Isa 37:21a And Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, So says Yahweh, Elohim of Israel***

It is also interesting to note that Yahweh states that He has only revealed Himself to the Nation of Israel, and absolutely no other Nation.

***Amo 3:1-2 Hear this Word that Yahweh has spoken against you, sons of Israel, against all the family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying: You only have I known of all the families of the earth. On account of this, I will punish you for all your iniquities.***

***2Sa 7:24 Yea, You have established Your people Israel to Yourself, to You for a people forever. And You, O Yahweh have become their Elohim.***

Only the nation of Israel has entered blood covenant with Yahweh. Although a great blessing, this has also turned out to be a two-edged sword. As we have seen, there is great accountability in binding yourself to a blood covenant. It is also impossible to be broken. Only unfaithfulness can break a blood covenant, and then the penalty is death.



That is why, in judgment day, our Heavenly Father can have more mercy on the Gentile nations, because they have less accountability; they never went into blood covenant with Yahweh.

***Rom 11:32 For Yahweh shut up all into disobedience, that He may show mercy to all.***

Most have been taught by the false churches of the world that, because of Israel's unfaithfulness, Yahweh has cast them away, and now has become a Gentile Elohim. But as we will see, this could not be further from the truth. Yahweh actually used the falling away of Israel for the salvation of the world. We will also see that He has never cast Israel away, but is working a wonderful plan with them in these end-times. Only to Abraham and his seed were the promises made.

***Gen 12:3 And I will bless those who bless you, and curse the one despising you. And in you all families of the earth shall be blessed.***

This Scripture clearly is promising to Abraham that a coming Messiah would descend from his lineage. Yahweh is promising to Abraham that, even though the nation of Israel joined a covenant that they could not keep, He, (Yahweh) would still be faithful and send His personal Messenger to redeem Israel from those broken covenant promises.

There were also other covenant promises that were made to the House of Israel under the blood covenant. Let us now take a look at the amazing promises made by Yahweh to the House of Israel.

## **End Notes**

1) Part of the information provided on the blood covenant ceremony was obtained from Richard Booker's book "The Miracle of the Scarlet Thread," Destiny Image Publishers, Dec 1988.

## **Chapter 2 - THE BIRTHRIGHT & THE SCEPTER**

Abraham begot Isaac, and Isaac begot Jacob, whose name was later changed to Israel. Israel had 12 Sons who are called the 12 tribes of Israel. Judah or the Jews are only one of these 12 Sons. All Jews are Israelites, but not all Israelites are Jews. As a matter of fact, the first time the word “*Jew*” is mentioned in Scripture, Israel is at war with the Jews.

***Ki 16:5-6a Then Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war. And they besieged Ahaz, but they were not able to fight. At that time Rezin the king of Syria brought Elath back to Syria, and threw the Jews out of Elath;***

This point cannot be stressed enough, if you are going to understand the most wonderful work that our Heavenly Father is doing today. Each tribe had their own personalities, and their own land allotments, and their own special covenant promises from Yahweh.

King Saul was the very first king of Israel. We know that he was humble before he was king, but then grew big in his own eyes afterward, and lost the throne. King Saul was from the tribe of Benjamin. Yahweh then picked a shepherd boy, David, to be king over all Israel. David was from the tribe of Judah. We also know that the Messiah would come from Judah.

***Mic 5:2 And you, Bethlehem Ephratah, being least among the thousands of Judah, out of you He shall come forth to Me to become One ruling in Israel; and His goings forth have been from of old, from the days of eternity***

Yahweh made a promise to David that his Son would sit upon his throne forever and ever.

***2Sa 7:11b-16 And Yahweh declares to you that Yahweh will make you a house. When your days***

***are fulfilled, and you lie with your fathers, then I shall raise up your seed after you, who shall come out from your bowels, and I shall establish His kingdom. (speaking of the Messiah). He shall build a house for My Name, and I shall establish the throne of His kingdom forever. I shall be a father to Him, and He shall be a Son to Me. When He takes iniquity, then I will chasten Him with a rod of men, and with strokes of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not be taken from Him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And Your house shall be established, and Your kingdom before You forever. Your throne shall be established forever.***

Many people have wrongly thought that this scripture was referring to King Solomon. That is not correct. King Solomon's kingdom did not last forever; rather, it was ripped out of his hand and divided because of his worship of pagan deities. As a matter of fact, we know that this scripture can't be talking about Solomon because Solomon's descendant, Jeconiah, was told that he would never have a son to sit on the throne of Israel again.

***Jer 22:30 So says Yahweh, Write this man childless, a man who will not prosper in his days. For not one from his seed will succeed, a man sitting on the throne of David and ruling any more in Judah.***

Yet David promised Bath Sheba that her Son would sit on the throne. How could this be? The answer lies in the correct translation of 1Ki 5:5.

***1Ki 5:5 And, behold, I am commanding a house to be built to the Name of Yahweh my Elohim, as Yahweh spoke to my father David, saying, Your son whom I will appoint (Nathan) in your place (to be rival with) on your throne, he shall build the house for My Name.***

The Hebrew word for appoint in 1Kings 5:5 is “Nathan.” Nathan was the brother of Solomon, and also son of Bath Sheba. So the prophecy of David’s throne being forever was not through the line of Solomon and Jechoniah, but through the line of Nathan. Interestingly enough, Nathan was also in the genealogy of Yahshua.

***Luk 3:31 the son of Melea, the son of Menan, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David,***

Another Scripture proving the predominance of the tribe of Nathan over Solomon is in the book of Zechariah.

***Zec 12:12-13 And the land shall mourn, each family apart: the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;***

This is a Scripture talking about the tribe of Judah mourning when the Messiah, Yahshua, returns and they realize their rejection of Him the first time He appeared. Once again notice, though, that it contrasts the most predominant tribe “Nathan” with the least predominant tribe “Shimei.” Solomon is not even mentioned.

Solomon, because of his idolatry with foreign gods, disqualified himself for the kingly line of Messiah. This is a very important fact, not only to prove that the lineage of Yahshua through Nathan is the Biblically correct one, but also to show why the nation of Israel was divided. Because of Solomon’s sin, Yahweh allowed the nation of Israel to be divided into two parts.

***1Ki 11:4-8 And it happened, at the time Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not perfect with Yahweh his Elohim, like the heart of his father David. And Solomon went after Ashtoreth, goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom, the***

***abomination of the Ammonites; and Solomon did evil in the sight of Yahweh, and did not go fully after Yahweh like his father David. Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the sons of Ammon; and so he did for all his foreign wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed to their gods.***

Solomon, through unfaithfulness, broke the covenant with Yahweh and caused the dividing of Israel.

***1Ki 11:9-13 And Yahweh was angry with Solomon, for his heart had bent away from Yahweh, Elohim of Israel, Who had appeared to him twice, and had given a charge to him concerning this thing, not to go after other gods; and with Solomon, for he did not keep that which Yahweh commanded. And Yahweh said to Solomon, because this has been done by you, and you have not kept My covenant and My statutes that I charged on you, I shall surely tear the kingdom from you and shall give it to your servant. Only, I will not do it in your days, for the sake of your father David; I shall tear it out of your son's hand.***

***1Ki 11:13 Only I will not tear away all the kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son for my servant David's sake, and for the sake of Jerusalem that I have chose.***

After Solomon died, Jeroboam, from the tribe of Ephraim, took over as King of Northern Israel. This Kingdom consisted of 10 of the 12 sons of Jacob (Israel). They were as follows: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, Issacar, and Joseph, who was divided into two tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh (which we will discuss in detail later). The southern Kingdom of Judah (The Jews) consisted of Judah and Benjamin. Later, due to idolatry in the Northern Kingdom, Levi also joined the southern Kingdom of Judah.

There were two great promises that came along with the blood covenant. They were the promise of the *birthright*, and the promise of the *scepter*. The promise of the birthright was a promise of the firstborn. The promise of the *scepter* was a promise of kingship. We have already shown that the promise of the scepter for kingship was given to Judah because of the faithfulness of King David. This promise also was for the Messiah to come from the house of David.

The promise of the birthright was a special promise given to the firstborn, as the legal heir to the inheritance of the family. This right of the firstborn also included a double portion to his inheritance.

***Deu 21:15-17 If a man has two wives, the one loved, and the other hated; and they have borne him sons, both the loved one and the hated one; and if the first-born son was of her who was hated, then it shall be, in the day that he causes his sons to inherit that which is his, he is not able to cause to inherit the first-born son of the one loved before the first-born son of the one hated, who is truly the first-born. But he shall acknowledge the first-born, the son of the hated one, by giving him a double portion of all that he has; for he is the first fruit of his strength, the right of the first-born is his.***

So special was this right of the firstborn, that it could not be changed because of nepotism. But the promises of the birthright and the scepter were conditional upon obedience of the inheritors.

***1Ki 2:3-4 and keep the charge of Yahweh your Elohim, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commands, and His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, so that you may do wisely all that you do, and there wherever you may turn, so that Yahweh may establish His Word which He spoke to me, saying, If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before***

***Me in truth, with all their heart, and with all their soul, saying, There shall not be a man to you cut off from the throne of Israel.***

So the perspective covenant promise-holders, namely the birthright and scepter, had to obey the terms of the covenant to receive these blessings. Reuben, who was the legal firstborn of Israel, disqualified himself to be the legal heir of the birthright promise, and Joseph took his place.

***1Ch 5:1-2 And the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel (for he was the first-born; but since he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel; and the genealogy (kingship) is not to be counted according to the birthright; for Judah prevailed among his brothers, and from him was the chief Ruler(Messiah), but the birthright was Joseph's;***

Reuben slept with the concubine of his father, Israel, and lost his birthright promise, and it was given to Joseph. Joseph was not the next oldest in age, but Israel had two wives, Leah and Rachel. Although Reuben was the firstborn from Leah, Israel was tricked into marrying her, and Israel's true covenant wife was Rachel, of whom Joseph was firstborn. So Joseph was truly the legal birthright holder in the eyes of Yahweh. We also see from this verse that genealogy is counted by the scepter promise, not the birthright. That is probably why most, through the ages, have focused on the kingship of Judah, but not the birthright of Joseph.

The birthright blessing was an exceedingly special blessing to have. It included great physical wealth and strength. So when the Kingdom of Israel was divided, even though there were still 12 tribes, Israel was known primarily as the Northern Kingdom (Joseph and the birthright), and the southern kingdom (Judah and the scepter). Please keep this in mind as we continue, so you will understand that when I mention the sons of Joseph, I mean all 10 northern tribes, and when I mention the sons of Judah, I mean the southern kingdom.

After this, before Israel died, he called Joseph and his two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, and literally adopted the two sons of Joseph as his own.

**Gen 48:3-5** *And Jacob said to Joseph, Elohim Almighty appeared to me in Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, and said to me, Behold, I will make you fruitful and will multiply you, and will make you a multitude of peoples. And I will give this land to your seed after you as a continual possession. And now your two sons, those born to you in the land of Egypt before my coming to you in Egypt, are mine, Ephraim and Manasseh, like Reuben and Simeon, even they shall be mine.*

Then he went on to give the birthright promise to Ephraim.

**Gen 48:14-16** *And Israel sent forth his right hand and put it on the head of Ephraim; and he was the younger. And he put his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands; for Manasseh was the first-born. And he blessed Joseph and said, The Elohim before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the Elohim who has fed me since I was born until today; The Messenger that redeemed me from every evil, may He bless the youths; and may my name be called on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and may they like the fishes increase into a multitude in the midst of the earth.*

**Gen 48:20** *And he blessed them in that day, saying, In you shall Israel bless, saying, May Elohim make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh.*

**Gen 48:22** *And I will give to you one spur of land beyond your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.*

Notice that the birthright promise went to Ephraim, the younger. As a matter of fact, if you search the Scriptures,



you will find in almost every case the firstborn lost his earthly inheritance. And in almost every case, without fail, it was for a worldly, fleshly reason. Esau lost his birthright promise for a bowl of soup. Scripture also states that we are called first-fruits or firstborn to Yahweh.

***Rev 14:1 And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion! And with Him were a hundred and forty four thousands, with the Name of His Father having been written on their foreheads.***

***Rev 14:4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones following the Lamb wherever He may go. These were redeemed from among men as a first fruit to Yahweh and to the Lamb.***

It should be quite sobering to us to see how many firstborn have sold out their inheritance for earthly desires. What does it mean to you to be a first fruit or firstborn? How much do you cherish that position, or are you like Esau, selling out your inheritance for some worldly desire? Remember the requirement of the blood covenant: to forsake all you have to your covenant Partner, and live totally for Him. Israel never did this, and as we will see, they went into captivity for it.

So now we can understand why in Scripture, when it is referring to Ephraim, it is referring to the whole Northern tribe of Israel, because they possess the right of the firstborn or birthright promise. We can also see that although these are physical promises, they are ultimately spiritual and Messianic in nature.

Joseph, who has the birthright promise, represents the suffering Messiah. We see that Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers, who rejected him. This is an anti-type of Judah rejecting Yahshua as the Hebrew Savior. Joseph was stripped of his garment before being laid in a pit, typical of the first step of the blood covenant, taking off the robe. Yahshua likewise was stripped of His robe before He was crucified. In the writings of the rabbi's of today, and even in the Dead Sea scrolls, they speak of two Messiahs, Messiah Son of Joseph, and Messiah Son of

David, because Scripture is so clear about the two aspects of the Messiah. One aspect is as a suffering servant, as Isaiah 53 shows us, and one is as a reigning King, as we see in Isaiah the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter. When the Messiah returns He will possess both the birthright and scepter promises.

Yet, if we closely look into the history of Israel, we will see that the descendants of Ephraim (Joseph) and the descendants of David (Judah) have been at odds continually, trying to take each other's blessing.

The twenty-third psalm typifies these two very important aspects of the Messiah of Israel.

***Psa 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.***

If you look at the cover of this book you will see a lion representing Judah holding a rod and a shepherd's staff crossing next to the palm tree which represents Joseph and the house of Ephraim. This again shows the two aspects of the Israelite Messiah; One as a suffering servant which shows the birthright promise through Joseph and the other showing the scepter promise through David as a reigning King.

The other aspect of the rod and the staff are to typify the two covenants. The rod shows the disciplinary action through the old covenant as the book of Hebrews shows us that every child of Yahweh must be chastened because of his love for us. The rod also protects us against predators.

***Heb 12:6 For whom Yahweh loves, He disciplines, and whips every son whom He receives."***

We must be disciplined to prepare us for our position as a King (scepter promise through David) in Yahshua's coming Kingdom (*Rev 5:10*). On the other hand the shepherd's staff shows the gentleness of that discipline through the shed blood of the Son of Yahweh in the New

Covenant and represents Joseph and the Messiah as the suffering servant. As the 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm shows both aspects of the Messiah are necessary, both the rod and the staff are comforting. Without the Torah (*rod*) we don't have boundaries and will never feel the security that the law brings in our life, but also we need the gentleness (*staff*) to gently guide us through that needed correction.

Throughout the history of Israel both Judah and Ephraim tried to take each others promise away. It was the idea of Judah to sell Joseph as a slave to steal his birthright promise.

***Gen 37:26-27 And Judah said to his brothers, What gain is it that we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and do not let our hand be on him. For he is our brother, our flesh. And his brothers listened.***

Jeroboam (an Ephraimite) also tried to steal the scepter promise from Judah, when the nation of Israel was divided after the death of Solomon.

***1Ki 11:31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take ten pieces for yourself. For so says Yahweh, Elohim of Israel, Behold, I am tearing the kingdom from the hand of Solomon and giving to you the ten tribes.***

***1Ki 11:37-38 And I will take you, and you shall reign according to all that your soul desires, and shall be king over Israel. And it shall be, if you shall hear all that I command you, and shall walk in My ways, and do that which is right in My eyes, to keep My statutes and My commands, as My servant David did, then I shall be with you and shall build a sure house for you, as I built for David, and shall give Israel to you.***

If Jeroboam had been faithful, which he was not, he would have taken the kingship or scepter from the house of Judah. If you read your Bible closely, you will see that this has been a trend with Judah and Ephraim since

Israel became a nation, and - as you will see- even continues today. But once the Messiah returns and makes the two promises of birthright and scepter into one, there will not be this vexation of Ephraim and Judah anymore.

***Isa 11:10 And it shall be in that day, the Root of Jesse stands as a banner of peoples; nations shall seek to Him; and His resting place shall be glory***  
***Isa 11:13 And the envy of Ephraim shall turn off; and Judah's foes shall be cut off. Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not trouble Ephraim.***

Israel was promised great wealth as a nation by the birthright promise, and they were also promised great royalty and kingship, through the promise of the scepter.

During the reign of King Solomon, before the kingdom of Israel was divided, Solomon controlled both the birthright (promise of prosperity) and scepter (kingship) promises. Solomon was an earthly type of the Messianic reign. It foreshadowed what Israel will be like when the true Messiah reigns during the millennium. Because of this, Israel experienced great wealth and prosperity during Solomon's reign, just as Yahweh had promised Jacob that his sons would, under the birthright promise.

***1Ki 10:23-25 So King Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom. And all the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which Elohim had put in his heart. And they brought every man his tribute, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, and armor, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.***

***1Ki 10:27 And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycamore-trees that are in the lowland, for abundance.***

Solomon had all the earthly riches that the birthright could produce, and all the earthly wisdom that the scepter could produce, and still faltered due to worldly lust. It is a lesson showing us that, in the flesh, we will always fail, if we do not combine it with the spirit. This is also the great lesson that Yahshua, the true birthright and scepter Holder, came to show us, while He was on the earth.

What a wonderful time it will be when Messiah returns and there is peace seen between Judah and Joseph, the likes of which the world has not seen since the days of King Solomon.

***Zec 10:6*** *And I will make stronger the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph. And I will return to save them, for I have pity on them. And they shall be as though I had not cast them off, for I am Yahweh their Elohim, and I will answer them.*

***Zec 10:7*** *And Ephraim shall be like a mighty one, and their heart shall be glad as by wine. And their sons shall see and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in Yahweh.*

***Zec 10:8*** *I will whistle for them and gather them, for I have redeemed them. And they shall multiply as they were multiplied.*

***Zec 10:9*** *And I will sow them among the peoples, and they shall remember Me in far countries, and they shall live with their sons and return.*

***Zec 10:10*** *And I will return to save them out of the land of Egypt and gather them out of Assyria. And I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, for room shall not be found for them.*

### **Chapter 3 - THE EXILE**

When we look at the plan of Yahweh up to this point in history, it is very clear. Mankind, since Adam, has chosen to go against the eternal laws set down by Yahweh Himself at the Garden of Eden. In doing so, just as Adam our forefather was cast out of Eden and away from Yahweh's presence, so mankind has been given 6,000 years to go his own way. He has been allowed to build his own societies, make his own laws, and even his own governments. Every school system, government agency, and, sad to say, even churches are the invention of man.

Adam and Eve had a choice to make. Follow and obey all of our Creator's laws, civil and natural, or chose his own way and follow the system of Satan the Devil. They chose the way of Satan and the world, and all mankind has been paying the price ever since. Satan is the prince of this world, and all earthly governments are in his control.

***Luk 4:5-7 And leading Him (Yahshua) up into a high mountain, the Devil showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the Devil said to Him, I will give all this authority and their glory to You, because it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Then if You worship before me, all will be Yours.***

Notice that Yahshua never questioned Satan's authority over the kingdoms of this world. Make this point clear in your mind, because it is essential in understanding the plan of Yahweh through the 12 tribes of Israel. The world system that we consider to be normal is the system of Satan the devil. People will sometimes ask, "If there is an Elohim in heaven, why is there so much suffering in the world?" It is because mankind has chosen the way of Satan instead of the way of Yahweh.

That was the whole point in making covenant with Abraham, because Abraham did not go the way of Adam but chose to follow the way of Yahweh.

**Gen 26:4-5** *And I will increase your seed like the stars of the heavens, and I will give to your seed all these lands. And all the nations of the earth shall bless themselves in your Seed, because Abraham listened to My voice and heeded My charge, My commands, My statutes, and My laws.*

Abraham was obedient to the laws of Yahweh, and because of this Yahweh blessed him with the promise of a covenant relationship. When you are in a covenant relationship, it not only includes you, but all of your offspring forever. Abraham had the choice, just like Adam and Eve, to go the way of Satan and the world, or to follow the everlasting laws of Yahweh our Creator. He chose to follow Yahweh, and his seed has been promised to be blessed for eternity.

Sad to say, so many who call themselves Christians also follow the way of Adam and believe that Yahweh's laws are done away with. Just think for one moment. Think about all the evil in the world today, more evil than has ever been on this planet. Then think, "*Is all this evil in the world here because mankind is obeying Yahweh's eternal laws, or because they are disobeying?*"

Think about the city where you live today, and then think about how that city would be if everyone in that city only obeyed one of the Ten Commandments, such as "*thou shall not steal.*" There would be no kidnappings, no robbery of homes, prices would be much cheaper due to no increase of goods due to stolen merchandise, and there would be no locks on any doors. Now, does that sound like slavery or freedom? Satan has deceived most of Christianity today into believing that our Heavenly Father's laws bring bondage, instead of freedom.

When Yahshua the Messiah returns, He will establish Yahweh's laws over all the earth, beginning at Jerusalem.

**Mic 4:1-2** *But it shall be in the end of the days, the mountain of the house of Yahweh shall be established on the top of the mountains; and it shall be lifted up from the hills; and peoples shall flow on it. And many nations shall come and say,*

***Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, and to the house of the Elohim of Jacob. And He will teach us from His ways, and we will walk in His paths. For the Law shall go forth out of Zion, and the Word of Yahweh from Jerusalem.***

What a beautiful time that will be. Scripture tells us there will be no more wars or famines, and the whole earth will be at peace, because all the earth will be obeying all of Yahweh's laws.

This is what our heavenly Father has been doing for the last 6,000 years; He has been working to restore mankind back to a relationship with Him. First, the sins of mankind have to be paid for; that was done through the blood of His Son. Then mankind must see that obedience to our Heavenly Father only brings blessings, and disobedience is what brings cursing.

That is where Abraham and the Nation of Israel come into the picture; because of Abraham's obedience to Yahweh in everything, He made the everlasting covenant through his lineage. Because of the terms of a blood covenant, every family member of the covenant party automatically also becomes a covenant partner, if he so chooses, when he is of age. This is why the Messiah had to come through the seed of Abraham. The Torah tells us in Ex 23:

***Exo 21:23-24 But if injury occurs, you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot***

If the Messiah was only a man, His life would be worth only one other life; only as the very Son of the Creator, and also co-Creator of the universe, can His life be worth more than all human life combined.

So Yahweh blessed Abraham to make covenant with his family, and through his lineage the Messiah would come. Remember, Yahweh only entered this most sacred covenant with the seed of Abraham; with no other nation or family on earth did He enter into such a covenant.



The purpose of this was to separate Israel from every other family and nation on earth, to set them as an example of what happens when one obeys Yahweh's laws. When Israel was obedient, they would be blessed tremendously with rain and food and full abundance.

***Deut 28:1-10 And it shall be if listening you will listen to the voice of Yahweh your Elohim, taking heed to do all His commandments which I command you this day, Yahweh your Elohim shall give you to be on high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come on you and overtake you if you will listen to the voice of Yahweh your Elohim. You shall be blessed in the city, and you shall be blessed in the field.***

***The fruit of your body shall be blessed, and the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, the offspring of your oxen, and the young ones of your flock. Your basket and your kneadingtrough shall be blessed. You shall be blessed when you come in, and you shall be blessed when you go out.***

***Yahweh shall cause your enemies that rise up against you to be stricken before your face. They shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. Yahweh shall command the blessing on you in your storehouses and all that you set your hand to. And He shall bless you in the land which Yahweh your Elohim is giving to you. Yahweh shall establish you a holy people to Himself, as He has sworn to you, if you shall keep the commands of Yahweh your Elohim and welcome His ways. And all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the Name of Yahweh, and they shall fear you.***

It was a very simple plan. When all the other nations would see the obedience of Israel and the blessings that followed that obedience, then they also would want to follow the laws of Yahweh, to receive the same blessings.

These blessings went much further than just the birthright and scepter promises that we have spoken

about. They went on to include national blessings of prosperity and blessings of all their land, and blessings against disease and famine. All these blessings would come to Israel, if only Israel would obey his law (*Torah* in Hebrew.)

At the same time, if Israel disobeyed, there had to be consequences. It would defeat the whole purpose of the plan of separating Israel for national prosperity for obedience, if there were no consequences for disobeying Yahweh's Torah (law). There would be no incentive for other nations to want to obey Yahweh, if they saw they could get the same benefits for disobeying.

Not only did Israel fail at obeying Yahweh's Torah, they failed miserably. Not only did they disobey His laws and break His Sabbaths (The very sign that tells Who the Elohim of Israel is) but they worshipped false deities of wood and stone.

***Eze 20:5-8 And say to them, So says the Almighty Yahweh: In the day I chose Israel and lifted My hand to the seed of the house of Jacob, and I was made known to them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up My hand to them, saying, I am Yahweh your Elohim. in that day I lifted up My hand to them to bring them out from the land of Egypt into a land flowing with milk and honey that I had searched out for them, the glory of it is to all lands. Then I said to them, Let each man cast away the filthy idols of his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am Yahweh your Elohim. But they rebelled against Me and would not listen to Me. They did not each man throw away the filthy idols of their eyes, and they did not forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I said, I will pour out My fury against them, to complete My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.***

***Eze 20:19-24 I am Yahweh your Elohim, walk in My statutes, and keep My judgments, and do them. And keep My Sabbaths holy, and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that***

***I am Yahweh your Elohim. But the sons rebelled against Me. They did not walk in My statutes, and they did not keep My judgments, to do them, which if a man does them, he shall live by them. They profaned My Sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out My fury on them, to fulfill My anger against them in the wilderness. But I withdrew My hand and acted for My Name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the eyes of the nations, from whom I brought them out in their eyes. And I lifted up My hand to them in the wilderness, to scatter them among the nations and sow them among the lands, because they had not done My judgments and had despised My statutes and had profaned My Sabbaths. And their eyes were after their fathers' idols.***

***Jer 11:2-5 Hear the Words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah, and to those living in Jerusalem, and say to them, So says Yahweh, the Elohim of Israel, Cursed is the man who does not obey the Words of this covenant, which I commanded your fathers in the day I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey My voice and do them according to all that I command you, so that you shall be My people, and I will be your Elohim; in order to establish the oath which I swore to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then I answered and said, Amen, O Yahweh.***

***Jer 11:6-11 And Yahweh said to me, Declare all these Words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear the Words of this covenant and do them. For I solemnly warned your fathers in the day I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, to this day rising early and warning, saying, Obey My voice. Yet they did not obey nor stretch out their ear, but each one walked in the stubbornness of their evil heart. And I will bring on them all the Words of this***

***covenant which I commanded them to do, but they did not do. And Yahweh said to me, A plot is found among the men of Judah, and among those living in Jerusalem. They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear My Words. And they went after other gods to serve them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I cut with their fathers. So Yahweh says this: Behold, I will bring evil on them from which they shall not be able to escape. And though they cry to Me, I will not listen to them.***

So we can see that Israel did not follow Yahweh's plan, and through unfaithfulness (spiritual adultery) they broke His covenant. As we have learned, it is a serious thing to break a blood covenant, and there have to be serious consequences, as Leviticus 26 outlines.

***Lev 26:14-20 And if you will not listen to Me, and do not do all these commands; and if you reject My statutes, and if your soul hates My judgments, so as not to do all My commands, to the breaking of My covenant; I will also do this to you, and I shall appoint terror over you, the wasting, and the burning fever, destroying the eyes, and consuming the soul; and you shall sow your seed in vain, and your enemies will eat it. And I shall set My face against you, and you shall be smitten before your enemies; and those who hate you shall rule over you, and you shall flee, and there will be no one pursuing you. And if after these things you will not listen to Me, then I will chastise you seven times more for your sin; and I will break the pride of your strength, and will make your heavens as iron, and your earth as bronze; and your strength shall be consumed in vain, and your land shall not give her produce, and the tree of the land shall not give its fruit.***

***Lev 26:21-26 And if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to listen to Me, then I will bring***

**seven times more plagues on you according to your sins, and send against you the beast of the field, and it shall bereave you. And I shall cut off your livestock and shall make you few, so that your ways are desolate. And if you are not chastised by Me by these things, and shall walk contrary to Me, then I, I also, shall walk contrary to you, and shall smite you, even I, seven times more for your sins; and I will bring a sword on you, executing the vengeance of the covenant, and you shall be gathered to your cities, and I shall send pestilence into your midst; and you shall be given into the hand of an enemy. When I break to you the staff of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and shall give back your bread by weight; and you shall eat, and shall not be satisfied.**

**Lev 26:27-33** *If you will not listen to Me for this, and shall walk contrary to Me, then I also will walk contrary to you in fury. I also will chastise you, I also, seven times for your sins. And you shall eat of the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat of the flesh of your daughters. And I shall destroy your high places and cut down your altars, and shall put your dead bodies on the carcasses of your idols. And My soul shall loathe you. And I shall make your cities a waste, and shall make your sanctuaries desolate; and I shall not smell your sweet fragrances. And I shall make the land desolate, and your enemies who are living in it shall be astonished at it. And I will scatter you among nations, and shall draw out the sword after you, and your land shall become a waste, and your cities shall be a desolation.*

There were grave consequences to pay for breaking such a solemn covenant. The last of those consequences was that Israel would be cast out of the land.

**Lev 18:28-29** *Do not do these lest the land vomit you out for your defiling it, as it has vomited out the*

***nation that was before you. For anyone who does any of these disgusting things, even the persons who are doing them, shall be cut off from the midst of their people.***

***Eze 22:14-15 Can your heart stand, or can your hands be strong, in the days that I shall work with you? I, Yahweh, have spoken, and I will work. And I will scatter you among the nations and sow you in the lands. And I will destroy your uncleanness out of you.***

***Eze 22:26 Her priests have violated My Law and have profaned My holy things. They have not divided between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and clean they have not taught. And they have hidden their eyes from the Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.***

***Eze 22:30-31 And I sought among them a man to wall up a wall and stand in the breach before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none. So I have poured out on them My disgust. With the fire of My wrath I consumed them. I have given their way on their heads, states the Almighty Yahweh.***

So, because of the blatant breaking of Yahweh's covenant, Israel suffered the plagues of Leviticus 26 and then, finally, they were cast out of the land into Diaspora.

***2Ki 17:1-5 In the twelfth year of Ahaz the king of Judah, Hoshea the son of Elah reigned in Samaria, nine years over Israel. And he did the evil in the eyes of Yahweh, only not as the kings of Israel who were before him. Shalmaneser the king of Assyria came against him, and Hoshea was a servant to him, and paid him tribute. And the king of Assyria found a conspiracy in Hoshea, in that he had sent messengers to So the king of Egypt, and had not offered tribute up to the king***

*of Assyria, as year by year. And the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in a prison. And the king of Assyria went up into all the land, and he went up to Samaria and besieged it three years.*

*2Ki 17:6 In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and removed Israel to Assyria, and made them live in Halah, and in Habor, by the river Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.*

*2Ki 17:7-8 And it was so because the sons of Israel had sinned against Yahweh their Elohim, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and feared other gods, and walked in the statutes of the nations that Yahweh had dispossessed from the face of the sons of Israel, and of the kings of Israel that they made.*

*2Ki 17:9-12 And the sons of Israel secretly did the things which were not right against Yahweh their Elohim, and built high places for themselves in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city, and set up for themselves pillars and Asherahs on every high hill, and under every green tree; and burned incense there in all high places, like the nations that Yahweh had removed from their face; and did evil things to provoke Yahweh, and served the idols, of which Yahweh had said to them, You shall not do this thing.*

*2Ki 17:13 And Yahweh testified against Israel, and against Judah, by the hand of all His prophets, and every seer, saying, Turn back from your evil ways, and keep My commands, My statutes, according to all the Law that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by the hand of My servants the prophets.*

*2Ki 17:14 And they did not listen, and hardened their necks, like the necks of their fathers, who did not remain faithful to Yahweh their Elohim.*

*2Ki 17:15 And they rejected His statutes and His covenant that He made with their fathers, and His*

*testimonies that He testified against them, and went after the vain thing, and became vain, and after the nations that were around them, of whom Yahweh had commanded them not to do like them.*

**2Ki 17:16** *And they left all the commands of Yahweh their Elohim and made for themselves casted images, two calves, and made an Asherah, and bowed to all the host of the heavens, and served Baal,*

**2Ki 17:17** *and caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire and divined, and used incantations, and sold themselves to do the evil in the eyes of Yahweh, to provoke Him,*

**2Ki 17:18** *so that Yahweh was very angry against Israel, and turned them away from His face; not one was left, only the tribe of Judah by itself.*

**2Ki 17:19** *Also Judah did not keep the commands of Yahweh their Elohim, and they walked in the statutes of Israel that they had made.*

**2Ki 17:20** *And Yahweh rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and gave them into the hand of the plunderers, until He had cast them out from His presence.*

**2Ki 17:21** *For He tore Israel from the house of David, and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king; and Jeroboam lured Israel from following Yahweh, and caused them to sin a great sin.*

**2Ki 17:22** *And the sons of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam that he did; they did not turn aside from them;*

**2Ki 17:23** *until Yahweh turned away Israel from His face, as He spoke by the hand of all His servants the prophets; and Israel was exiled from off its land to Assyria to this day.*

**2Ki 17:24** *And the king of Assyria brought men in from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and Sepharvaim, and made them live in the cities of Samaria instead of the sons of Israel; and they possessed Samaria and lived in its cities.*



This is a stark lesson to learn today for all those out there calling themselves Christians, who have falsely believed that disobedience to our Father's Torah somehow brings blessings. Scripture is very clear that Yahweh **does NOT change**, and neither does his Law! All these examples are for our learning, so that we do not make the same mistakes as our forefathers.

This invasion by Assyria took place in 723-722 BC, by King Shalmaneser and his general Sargon. It is interesting to note that after the 10 northern tribes of Israel, headed by the main tribe of Ephraim, were taken into captivity, the southern Kingdom of Judah remained. Judah was not taken into captivity until the years 605 BC – 572 BC. So for some 120-odd years, only the kingdom of Judah remained in the land of Israel. We see that in the land of Ephraim, called Samaria, King Shalmaneser brought new Assyrian people to live there who were later called Samaritans. Although these people accepted some Israelite customs, they were **NOT** Israelites! Also, when Judah came back to the land after 70 years of captivity in Babylon in 539 BC, only Judah or the Jews came back to the land. Ephraim or the Northern tribes of Israel did **NOT** return with Judah. Only the Jews went into captivity in Babylon, so only the Jews or Judah could come out of captivity. Since that time, most have wrongly assumed that Ephraim had disappeared, and that is why today, almost 2,000 years later, the world has wrongly assumed that Israel only consists of one tribe - JUDAH!

Let us now roll back the annals of history and see where the Northern tribes of Israel, called Ephraim in Scripture, from the house of Joseph, went.

## **Chapter 4 - WHERE DID EPHRAIM GO?**

The Northern Kingdom of Israel was no small kingdom. Judah and Benjamin controlled the land around Jerusalem and to the south to Bethlehem and beyond, and the Northern ten tribes controlled basically all the rest of the land of Israel. So vast were their numbers that three of the tribes, Reuben, Gad and half of the tribe of Manasseh, even took the land on the other side of the Jordan River (which would be modern Jordan today). Their numbers literally would have been in the millions. Take a look at just the size of their army in the days of King Jeroboam.

***2Ch 13:3 And Abijah joined battle with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: and Jeroboam set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, who were mighty men of valor.***

So here we see that the army of men of just that one battle numbered 800,000 men. It is also interesting to note that it was actually King Abijah and the House of Judah that The House of Israel was fighting in this war. The Northern House of Israel, made up of 10 tribes, was a vast, large kingdom up until its captivity.

With that in mind, let us now look at the siege by Shalmaneser, the Assyrian king, against The Northern tribes of Ephraim and his brothers.

***2Ki 17:1 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel, and reigned nine years. (starting in 732BC)***

***2Ki 17:2-5 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh, yet not as the kings of Israel that were before him. Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and brought him tribute. And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea; for he had***

***sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and offered no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison. Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. (between 725-723-22 BC)***

***2Ki 17:6 In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away unto Assyria, and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.***

If you look up these places to which Israel was taken captive, you will find that they are the basic areas of the Assyrian Empire and the surrounding region. On a modern map they would correspond to the modern countries of Iran, Iraq, part of Syria, and Turkey.

There is, though, somewhat of a mystery to this captivity. The general who captured Samaria and Israel was named Sargon 2. History tells us that he was a very famous and powerful Assyrian general. In the royal archives of Assyrian history, under the annals of Sargon 2, he writes that he took captive 27,290 people in the war against Israel. This is an incredibly low number of captives for such a numerous people as the Israelites were. It is also almost inconceivable that these were the only captives, considering that Yahweh said that their punishment would be to dwell in a foreign land, not to be killed in battle.

***2Ki 17:23 until Yahweh removed Israel out of His sight, as He spoke by all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.***

Even if we count all the captives taken by King Tiglath-pileser, the previous king of Assyria, when he attacked the Northern tribes around 734BC, this would still constitute a very small number to be taken captive. From historical records, it also seems that Tiglath-pileser focused more

on capturing the lands around Galilee, and also the two and one half tribes in Gilead on the other side of the Jordan River.

***1Ch 5:26 And the Elohim of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river of Gozan, unto this day.***

So we see that neither the Biblical or historical accounts tell of any slaughtering of masses of Israelites during these captivities, yet the minute number of captives taken to Assyria just doesn't add up to the vast amount of Israelites that were living in the Northern Kingdom. So where did the majority of the Ephraimites go?

First of all, several hundred thousand Israelites from Ephraim migrated to the south, to the kingdom of Judah, during the reign of King Jehoshaphat, about a hundred years earlier or so. King Jehoshaphat reigned as the king of Judah at the same time that evil King Ahab reigned over Israel. Ahab did so much wickedness in Israel that many pure-hearted Israelites moved to the south, to be under the reign of a much more righteous ruler in Jehoshaphat. Judah was also much wealthier under Jehoshaphat than the north was under Ahab. But still, there are well over two million Israelites from the Kingdom of Ephraim missing. So where did they go? If you look at the circumstances surrounding the captivity of Israel, it is not hard to figure out that they had fled the land of Israel long before the last invasion in 723-722BC. Israel was being persecuted and intensely attacked by the Kings of Assyria for roughly 8-10 years. This alone would have been good reason to flee the land before a final devastating battle to their homeland. But also remember that all the prophets of Israel at that time were warning them that, because of their sin, Yahweh was going to remove them from off the land.

**Hos 4:1-3 Hear the word of Yahweh, ye children of Israel; for Yahweh hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor goodness, nor knowledge of Elohim in the land. There is nothing but swearing and breaking faith, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery; they break out, and blood touches blood. Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwells therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.**

Israel knew that punishment and captivity were on its way, and it is only logical that many would try to flee the land to a new homeland and start over. One may ask why the rest of the Northern tribes of Israel wouldn't have also fled to Judah as their brothers did one hundred years before. The answer is very simple. Judah, which was right below the Kingdom of Ephraim to the south, was also a prime target for the King of Assyria, as Hezekiah the King of Judah found out only about 20 years or so after Northern Israel's captivity. Judah would not have been safe to flee to at this time, and would not have been an option to a fleeing Ephraimite. Let's hear what Steven Collins, in his book "The Lost Ten Tribes of Israel ... Found," had to say about where the Northern tribes of Israel fled before the Assyrian invasion.

*"Those who chose to leave the doomed kingdom of Israel had many potential destinations as options for new homelands. We have already seen that the "Phoenician" alliance of Israel, Tyre and Sidon had established many colonies in North Africa, Spain, other Mediterranean locations, The British Isles and even as far as North America. Any of these locations could have served as new homelands. In the ninth century BC so many Israelites voluntarily left Israel during the drought of Elijah to settle in these colonies that it was necessary to found a completely new colony (Carthage) to host all the refugees. Many people likely had relatives in these mostly Israelite colonies, and could start afresh with very little "culture*

*shock” as the language, customs, and religion of those colonies were essentially the same as those of Israel. The fact that Carthage rose to great power in the centuries that followed the fall of Northern Israel also indicates it received a major infusion of people when Israel fell.”<sup>1</sup>*

So we see that Ephraim was scattered to many different lands, from Africa to the Mediterranean and Europe and beyond to the west, and, as we will see, to the east to Assyria, and then to Parthia and even beyond to India.

Steve Collins mentions that Carthage was a relatively new colony of Israelites that started just about a generation earlier due to the drought that Elijah called on the Northern Kingdom under Ahab.<sup>2</sup> It seems that many Israelites had fled to newly colonized Carthage long before the Assyrian siege ever took place, so when the Assyrians were starting to threaten the Northern tribes of Israel, the Israelites would have had many relatives already waiting for them in Carthage.

Carthage was a very prosperous empire for a while, before it fizzled out when most of its people migrated either to the area of Ireland and Great Britain to the north or to many of the other African nations to the south, including South Africa. They were a great sea faring people, as we know the Israelites were, also. It was located on the Northern shore of Africa.

The original name of Carthage was actually Kirjath-Hadeschath, which translates as “*New Town*.”<sup>3</sup> Kirjath is a Hebrew word for city, and appears many times in the Bible as the name of different Israelite cities, such as Kirjath-arba, or Kirjath-jearim. Although the city was called Kirjath by the Israelite inhabitants, the Greeks called it “Karchedon” and the Romans called it “Carthago.”<sup>4</sup> It is also interesting to note that the Carthage Empire, instead of having a king like other nations, had magistrates, which they called “*Shophetim*,” the Hebrew word for “judges.”<sup>5</sup>

“This is understandable when one realizes that Carthage began as a “crown colony” of Israel, hence its true king for at least the first century of its existence was the reigning king of Israel.”<sup>6</sup>

Let's take a look specifically at some of the named tribes of Israel and where they went.

There is much evidence to show that part of the tribe of Dan migrated to Ireland and Scotland and even as far as Denmark. Dan's descendents were very famous in Scripture for naming things after their forefather, Dan.

***Jdg 18:29 And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel: howbeit the name of the city was Laish at the first.***

***Jos 19:47 And the border of the children of Dan went out beyond them; for the children of Dan went up and fought against Leshem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.***

In Judges 5:17, we also know that the tribe of Dan was a seafaring tribe that abode in boats. You can still see the remnants of the Tribe of Dan evident in these places by their names, even today. J.H. Allen, in his book "Judah's Scepter and Joseph's Birthright," tells us that a group of settlers migrated to Ireland and were called Tuatha De Danaans which, translated, simply means "*tribe of Dan*"<sup>7</sup> Coincidentally, this migration took place around 721 BC, right at the time of The Northern Tribes' captivity. In Ireland you find they left these waymarks; *Dans-Laugh, Dan-Sower, Dun-dalk, Dun-drum, Dun-gloe, and Dunsmor*, which means more Dans. In Hebrew, vowels are not written, only consonants, so Dan in Hebrew would simply be rendered DN. Moreover, the name Dunn in the Irish language means the same as Dan in the Hebrew language, "*judge*."

Dan also migrated through Britain and up to Denmark. The name Den-mark is literally *Dans-mark*, because he left his name or mark there. Also, the Danube River is named after Dan, and the Danish people are also migrants from the tribe of Dan. Dan also has descendants that migrated east to Parthia. Remember that part of the tribe of Dan lived on the northern border near Syria and

part in the south below the tribe of Ephraim. The Northern Danites were the ones that went East to Assyria and beyond.

In the book "The United States and Britain in Prophecy" it states "*The Northern colony of Danites were taken to Assyria in the captivity, and after leaving Assyrian captivity they inhabited for some time the land just west of the Black Sea. (Parthian Empire) There we find the rivers Dnieper, Dniester, and Don. In Scotland the Dans, Dons, and Duns, are prolific as in Ireland.*"<sup>8</sup>

Now, let's look at what J.H. Allen writes about the Tribe of Simeon. "*Also a large portion of the tribe of Simeon chose a maritime escape from the Assyrians. Coinciding with the arrival of the Tuatha Danaan in Ireland, the Simonii landed in Wales and southern England in around 720BC. This date also is just after the fall of Samaria, and it is most likely that the simultaneous arrival of the Danaan and the Simonii indicates that the tribes of Dan and Simeon sailed together for the British Isles.*"<sup>9</sup>

"*Brit*" in Hebrew means covenant and "*ish*" means man, so the word for British literally means the men of the covenant. The people of Wales call themselves in ancient Welsh, *Bryth y Brithan*, which means the Covenanters of the land of the covenant. The fact that these Brythonic Celts who migrated to the British Isles bore the Hebrew **B-R-T** root of covenant proves their Israelite origin.

So we see that some of the lost tribes migrated to Ireland and Britain and Denmark, and others to Carthage and Africa to the south. But what about the rest of the lost tribes of Israel? History tells us that the overall majority of them actually left Israel and traveled north and settled up toward the Black and Caspian Sea, in what was known as the Parthian Empire.

*"There is historical evidence that the main body of Israelites fleeing the kingdom of Israel took an overland route to their new homeland. They could not go east due to the Assyrian menace, there were not enough vessels to take everyone to new homelands via maritime routes to the west, and Egyptian forces were dominant to the south. This left the north as the only realistic route out of Palestine,*



*and that is exactly where historical evidence says they went.”<sup>10</sup>*

When Israel migrated North they went up to an area called Arsareth, a region along the Black Sea. Let’s also look at what the apocryphal book of 2 Esdras says about this exodus of Israel north to this region.

*(2Esdras 13:40-45)- ...”these are the ten tribes that in the **days of king Hosea** were carried away from their own land into captivity, whom Shalmaneser, king of Assyria, made captives, and carried beyond the river....But they formed this plan among themselves, to leave the heathen population, and go to a more distant region.... so that there perhaps they might keep their statutes, which they had not kept in their own country. And they went in by the narrow passages of the Euphrates River. For the Most High then did wonders for them, for He held back the sources of the river until they had passed over. But it was a long journey of a year and a half to that country...called Arzareth.”*

We can see from the historical accounts that this migration to what become known as the Parthian empire was no haphazard immigration. It was an organized migration to a new land. These Israelites, as we have seen, also brought with them their customs, and wanted to go to a region where they could keep the statutes of Yahweh that they had failed to keep in Israel. This migration more than likely consisted of over a million northern Israelites from the so-called “lost tribes.”

Listen to what Steve Collins had to say about this move by Israel up to the Black Sea region:

*“This account further documents the escape of a large body of the ten tribes of Israel when they abandoned Palestine to the Assyrians. Since the Israelites in this migration had 220,000 armed soldiers, one can conservatively estimate the number of Israelites in this body to be around a million people when the number of women, children and elderly are included. Based on the biblical and secular historical records of what happened to the other tribes, this body of Israelites likely included the half-tribe of Manasseh which lived on the west side of the Jordan River, most of the tribes of Ephraim, Asher,*

Zebulun, and Issachar, and a small portion of the tribe of Dan which lived in the northern part of Palestine.

As this large group of Israelites resettled in the Black Sea region, they assumed new identities, but many key factors made them readily identifiable as Hebrews. The region to the east of the Black Sea (and north of Armenia) came to be known as **Iberia**, confirming the presence of Hebrews from the ten tribes in that region. The Hebrews had given the old Phoenician/Israelite colony in Spain the name **Iberia** (after Eber, the namesake of the Hebrews), and it has long been called the Iberian Peninsula. The name of a modern Spanish river (the Ebro) still preserves the name of Eber, and is a reminder of the Hebrew (“Phoenician”) presence in the ancient Iberian Peninsula.

The appearance of the same Hebrew name (Iberia) in the region north of Armenia verifies that this region became an area of Israelite resettlement for those who escaped Assyrian captivity by voluntary flight. While information about the kingdom of Iberia in the Asian Caucasus region rarely appears in modern histories, it is shown on a map on Armenian history in the Encyclopedia Americana. That map represents the dimensions of Iberia’s size several centuries after the arrival of the Israelites, and at a time when most Israelites had migrated out of that area into South Russia.

Combining the above historical accounts with the fact that Hebrew place names subsequently became attached to Black Sea areas, we have a positive identification of where the escaped Israelites relocated circa 724-720 B.C. Israel’s new homeland was well-chosen as it was in a mountainous region where the terrain greatly favored the defenders. The migration of the Israelites to a defensible region indicates that they purposefully fled to an area where Assyria would be reluctant to pursue them.”<sup>11</sup>

So we can see that this was a carefully planned exile by the Northern tribes of the sons of Israel. Another interesting Scripture to look at in light of this historical information is Jeremiah 3:12.

***Jer 3:12 Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel,***

***says Yahweh; I will not look in anger upon you; for I am merciful, says Yahweh, I will not keep anger for ever.***

What is very telling about this Scripture is the fact that the book of Jeremiah was written directly before Judah's captivity into Babylon, around the year 627BC, till 585BC, a good hundred years after the Northern tribes were exiled to Assyria. But notice that Yahweh tells Jeremiah to prophecy to the tribes of Israel to the **north!** Assyria was due east of Israel, but the land of Iberia, east of the Black Sea, is directly north of the land of Israel. This is another dogmatic proof of where the so-called lost tribes were at that time.

If we're honest with ourselves, we can see from history that the Northern House of Israel, called the House of Joseph or Ephraim in Scripture, was never lost from the historical accounts. Yet the higher educational facilities in our society choose not to look at or report what the historical records clearly show.

Even Josephus Flavius, the most famous of all Jewish historians, knew exactly where the House of Ephraim was during the first century AD. He wrote in "Antiquities of the Jews":

*"Wherefore there are but two tribes in Asia and Europe subject to the Romans, while the ten tribes are beyond Euphrates till now, and are an immense multitude, and not to be estimated by numbers."*<sup>12</sup>

So Josephus knew exactly where the tribes were - it was no secret in his day. This also proves dogmatically from the historical account that the House of Ephraim **was not** living back in the land of Israel at the time that Yahshua had His earthly ministry in the first century AD. Many falsely believe that the Northern tribes merged with the Southern tribes after Judah returned from the Babylon captivity, but we can see clearly from Josephus' statement this was not the case.

The Northern tribes of Israel, called the House of Ephraim, had migrated to the areas north of Assyria on and around the Black and Caspian Seas. These Israelites

were called Scythians. The Encyclopedia Americana tells us the following about these Israelite Scythians:

*“The Scythians are those tribes that occupied this territory, (the region north of the Black Sea) from about 700BC and formed a single cohesive political entity until the 4<sup>th</sup> century BC, when the nation was splintered into several groups.”*<sup>13</sup>

It is very interesting that even the Encyclopedia Americana shows these Scythians migrated to the Black Sea right around 700 B.C., at the same time period the Israelites were exiled from Samaria, Israel. They know for sure that this is the migration date, due to the fact that this is the earliest record of tombs for these people in that area. What is also interesting is the fact that these Scythians had Eurasian features, not Mongolian. The Mongolian Scythians were a whole different race of people.

*“An historical account of the Medes records that the Assyrian King Esarhaddon in 674 B.C. was confronted by an alliance of “Mannaeans, Median, and **newly-arrived Cimmerian forces**. These newly arrived Cimmerians were likely the Israelite Samaritans who had been relocated among the Medes only a few decades earlier. Notice the striking phonetic similarity between “**Samaritan**” and “**Cimmerian**” (dictionaries confirm the “c” should be pronounced like an “s”). That these “Cimmerians” were recent arrivals in Media adds weight to their identification as Israelite captives from the city of Samaria. The transplanted Samaritans of Israel would be anti-Assyrian, and would logically join an anti-Assyrian alliance.*

*Those Israelites who migrated to the Black Sea area became known as “Scythians.”*<sup>14</sup>

Who can deny the obvious connection between the words Cimmerian and Samaritan? It is quite clear these are from the same group of people, the *lost House of Israel*.

But there is even quite a bit more proof that these Cimmerians were indeed the lost sheep of Israel.

An area called Mannae, which was between Assyria and Urartu, was one of the major places to which the House of Ephraim was exiled. Coincidentally enough, Mannae was

also one of the very first regions to which the Cimmerians migrated, at the same exact time of the Israelite exile. "This is written on an ancient Assyrian inscription."<sup>15</sup> Mannue was also destined to become a major Scythian center. It was also a well-known fact of ancient history that the Cimmerians and Scythians were indeed one and the same people. Anne Kristenson writes in her book "Who Were the Cimmerians, and Where Did They Come From": *"The Scythians and the Cimmerians were two groups of people who seem inclined to operate in the same geographical zones, and whose names seem to be interchangeable already in the Assyrian sources."*<sup>16</sup>

Yair Davidiy even goes further in his evaluation of these Cimmerians and Scythians in his book entitled "Origin": *"There were three main groups of people in the Cimmerian and Scythian forces; Cimmerians, Scyths, and Guti or Goths. Both the Cimmerians and the Scyths of history contained representatives of all three groups though in varying proportions. Later, in the east of Scythia (modern Russia, Central Asia, Siberia, and even northern China) areas associated with the Cimmerians, Scythians, and Goths were those in which there were religious practices of Israelite and pagan Canaanite origin. Aramaic was commonly spoken, tribal names were those of Israelite Tribal clans already recorded in the bible, and contemporary reports as well as legends spoke of The Lost Ten Tribes of Israel."*<sup>17</sup> They even spoke Aramaic, the same language that Yahshua spoke besides Hebrew.

It is interesting to note that these Cimmerians, who were Israelites, are historically recorded to have lived in the area of Mannae. This is the exact area to which the prophet Amos, under inspiration from Yahweh Himself, told us that the House of Israel would be cast out.

***Amo 4:1-3 Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, that oppress the poor, that crush the needy, that say unto their lords, Bring, and let us drink. The Almighty Yahweh hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that they shall take***

***you away with hooks, and your residue with fish-hooks. And ye shall go out at the breaches, every one straight before her; and ye shall cast yourselves to “Har-mone”, says Yahweh.***

This is a very interesting verse. If you notice in verse 3, Yahweh states that because Israel has sinned they will be cast to **Har-Mone**. This is a Hebrew word. **Har** in Hebrew means mountain, and **Mone** in Hebrew is pronounced **Mannae**. So Yahweh told us exactly where the Israelite Samaritans or Cimmerians (c is pronounced as an s) were to be exiled: the mountains of Mannae. *“There is an ancient Midrash (Eichah Rabah), which states that the exiles from Samaria were taken by way of “Harmoniah” (i.e. Mannae or Armenia).<sup>18</sup>*

History does not lie. When we honestly look at the plain facts of history, we can clearly see that the ancient Cimmerians, Scyths, and Goths were no doubt displaced Israelites who had migrated to the region between the Black and Caspian Seas. Let’s look at even further proof of this point.

*“Cimmerians and Scyths were frequently confused with each other by foreigners and by historians. “**SAKIA**” is a name later given in Persian inscriptions to the Scyths. In Afghanistan the appellation, “**SAK**” (from **Saka**) was much later understood to be a form of the Hebrew”**Isaac**”<sup>19</sup>.*

The author Van Loon identifies “a people in north Armenia (near Lake Leninkan close to the border with Iberia in Georgia) named “**ISQI-GULU**” as Scythians.”<sup>20</sup> **ISQI-GULU** is the equivalent of “**ISAACI-Golu**, which means “The Exiles of **ISAAC**” Variations of the name Isaac were applied to the Scythians, who in many respects were identical with, or identified as, the Cimmerians.”<sup>21</sup>

Remember that Yahweh told Abraham **“that in Isaac your seed will be called (Genesis 21:13).”**

The Sakia (Scythians) of Isaac were also known as Saxe and as Saxon, and the Anglo-Saxons are their descendants.

The GUTI are also frequently mentioned alongside the Gimiri and Sakia. The name GUTI is an alternative name

for the tribe of “GAD”, and Gad was to play an important role with the Sakia. *“Later the name GUTI and variations of it such as Guti, Gauth, Geti, Gothi, Gudo, and Gad were applied to the Goths who eventually settled in Sweden. “Gauth”, which is one of the forms for the name GAD, was one of the terms applied to the Goths.”*<sup>22</sup>

*“The city of Saksin on the northwest shores of the Caspian Sea was referred to by contemporaries as the “Saxon City”. Saksin was one of the Capitals of the Khazars who were a Scythian people and traditionally believed to have been descended from the Israelite Tribes of Manasseh and Simeon.”*<sup>23</sup>

The fact that exiled Israel migrated to the areas of the Parthian Empire on the shores of the Black and Caspian Seas is not even the most amazing point of all this solid history that we are going over. The more amazing point of all this is where these Israelites migrated to afterward. As we are researching the Israelites’ trail, we are seeing that from the regions of the Black and Caspian Seas they went into Afghanistan, and Russia, and the Ukraine, even as far as India and China in the east. Then in the west, they went all throughout Europe, and started in the south of Carthage in Northern Africa, and history shows that they went all throughout the southern African continent.

*“The Scythians had been spread over areas extending from Afghanistan, North China, Siberia (Russia) and central Asia into East Europe”.*<sup>24</sup>

There is even historical evidence to show that the so-called lost tribes even reached Japan.

*“The Japanese believe a portion of their forebears reached Japan via central Asia, and these may have had Scythian connections. The name “Saka” is found in Japan. Sakai near Osaka, Sakata and Sakuria are all places that derive from the name Isaac. A small minority of Israelites may have reached Japan and have been members of the first formative ruling clans. The Japanese are also traced back to Javan son of Japhet. The dominant element in Japan is a people of so-called alpine type, similar in some ways to central Europeans.”*<sup>25</sup>

It is a truly amazing fact to ponder that, far from being “lost tribes,” the sons of Israel have actually spread all over the earth, just as it was predicted that they would do in the pages of the Bible.

***Gen 28:13-15 And, behold, Yahweh stood above it and said, I am Yahweh the Elohim of your father Abraham, and the Elohim of Isaac; the land on which you are lying, I will give it to you and to your seed. And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall spread to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your Seed. And, behold, I will be with you and will guard you in every place in which you may go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not forsake you until I have surely done that which I have spoken to you.***

This Scripture given to Israel was telling him what the future of his sons was going to be. The first thing that Yahweh told him was that he was going to be spread out all over the earth. Little did Israel know, at that time, that this was going to be a punishment for sin, and not as a blessing to him, to be given more land! Israel, as a nation, was not going to be a great and powerful nation, as they could have been, if they had kept covenant with Yahweh; no, instead, because of their rebellion, they were going to be wanderers among the nations.

***Hos 9:17 My Elohim shall reject them because they did not listen to Him; and they shall be wanderers among the nations.***

The second thing that Yahweh tells Israel in the above prophecy is even more important than the first point about going to the east and west and north and south, because the second point in this prophecy talks about



Yahweh bringing Israel back home to **their own land again**, back to the hills of Samaria in the land of Israel.

Right here, this one prophecy alone totally discredits the whole theory of replacement theology. We can also see that in the book of Hosea:

***Hos 1:10 Yet the number of the sons of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which is not measured nor numbered. And it shall be, in the place where it is said to them, You are not My people, it shall be said to them, Sons of the Living Elohim.***

We clearly see that our Heavenly Father never totally cast away Israel. He only sent Israel into Diaspora for a time, to open up salvation to the world.

***Rom 11:1 I say then, Did not Yahweh thrust away His people? Let it not be! For I also am an Israelite, out of Abraham's seed, of the tribe of Benjamin.***

***Rom 11:5 So then, also in the present time a remnant according to election of grace has come into being.***

***Rom 11:11 I say, then, Did not they stumble that they fall? Let it not be! But by their slipping away came salvation to the nations, to provoke them to jealousy.***

Yahweh used the unfaithfulness of Israel to show the entire world that He is not a respecter of persons, that anyone who seeks righteousness and fears Him, He will honor. And yet His main point of business is still with the sons of Jacob, the seed of Israel.

The point about Yahweh bringing the 12 tribes of Israel back into the land of Israel is very important to stress for two reasons. Number one, many people wrongly assume that only Judah or Jews are Israelites, and therefore only Jews have a legal right to the land called Israel. This is absolutely false and will be given more time later in this

book, but to show you that this is not Biblically correct, just read the above Scripture again.

***Hos 1:10a Yet the number of the sons of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which is not measured nor numbered.***

Right here, Yahweh is saying that in the end time, when he will re-gather the sons of Israel back to the land of Israel, there will be so many of them that their numbers will even be too large to number. This cannot refer only to Judah. It would be impossible. There are roughly fourteen million Jews who live in the entire world. They are one of the smallest groups of people in the entire world. So the prophecy would have to include all of the Israelites that we have mentioned from Russia, Afghanistan, China, Africa, all of Europe and the British Isles, Africa, Australia, and all of America.

The second reason this Scripture is important (about Yahweh promising Jacob to bring all of Israel back to the land) is the fact that many of the displaced Israelites in captivity have been in captivity for so long that they now believe their land of captivity is the new land of Israel. Because Yahweh has blessed the sons of Israel in their Diaspora, as He promised, some of the sons of Israel scattered around the globe have claimed that America or Great Britain is now the land of Israel. Scripture, though, is very clear to where the Promised Land of the seed of Abraham is.

***Gen 17:8 And I will give to you and to your seed after you the land of your sojourning, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession and I will be their Elohim.***

***Deu 34:1-4 And Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And Yahweh caused him to see all the land; Gilead to Dan; and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah to the sea beyond; and the Negeb,***

***and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, to Zoar. And Yahweh said to him, "This is the land which I have sworn to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, I will give it to your seed. I have caused you to see with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there."***

Not only are we living in the end of days, but we are actually the last generation according to Scripture, as I will show later in this book. This is the generation that has seen Israel become a nation again after over 2,500 years of captivity, and this is the generation that will see the Messiah appear on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

With that in mind, it is one of the saddest things in the world to me to see Yahweh's elect so deceived in these end times. It is so clear from Scripture that the little plot of land between the Mediterranean Sea and the current land of Jordan is the Promised Land of Abraham from Yahweh. Yet people have used the very historical information that I have shared in this book to come up with all types of distorted theories that are false, from America being the land of Israel, to even white supremacy ideologies and ideas. I am not promoting any of these unscriptural ideas. My sole purpose for writing this book is to bring you the clear historical and Biblical facts of the covenant promises made to the seed of Abraham, and what that means to us today, as believers in Yahshua.

It is important to understand that all true believers in Yahshua are part of the one tree of Israel, whether we are from one of the nations where Israel went into Diaspora and are a physical seed of Abraham, or whether we are true grafted-in gentiles; and the latter are still equal to and one with the physical lineage of Abraham. It is important to understand this fact for one simple reason. Israel went into Diaspora for breaking the laws and commandments of the Almighty Yahweh, plain and simple. Yet today, so many of that same Israelite lineage, in Diaspora, are proudly proclaiming that "*the law is nailed to the cross*" and done away with; they're still breaking the same covenant laws that our forefathers did, which put us into the Diaspora to begin with. When they

are asked, “*Why don’t you have to keep Yahweh’s commandments,*” the answer most of the time is “*that those laws were only for Israel.*” So you can see the great importance in knowing the history of the Diaspora of the sons of Israel and realizing that we are that progeny. In the end time, when Yahshua returns, the Bible states:

***Mat 7:21-23 Not everyone who says to Me, Master, Master, will enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but the ones who do the will of My Father in Heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master did we not prophesy in Your Name, and in Your Name cast out demons, and in Your Name do many works of power? And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; "depart from Me, those working lawlessness!"***

I am not judging the hearts or intents of men; all I am saying is that a false, lawless gospel is being preached today, and not only does it condone sin and lawlessness, but it doesn’t even touch upon the true work that our Heavenly Father is doing, in redeeming the sons of Israel.

Let us now look into what the “Good News” message that Yahshua brought to earth really was.

#### **Author’s Note:**

In this chapter I have supplied probably only about 5% of the archeological and historical evidence of where the lost tribes of Israel actually went. My purpose in writing this book is to show the spiritual significance of the true plan of our Heavenly Father, and since others have written extensive books about the lost tribes from a historical perspective, the author did not feel it necessary to rewrite what is already in print elsewhere. I suggest that, if you want more proof of the lost tribes from a historical perspective, you acquire some of the books quoted. I will caution that the current author does not agree with the theological standpoint of most of the authors, and would highly caution when reading the material of Yair Davidiy. Although the author believes Yair Davidiy to be sincere and his historical information to be mostly accurate, he is not a believer in Yahshua as the

Messiah of Israel, and his writings are slanted against believers of Yahshua, as a pagan form of worship.

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## **Chapter 5 - What is the Real Good-News Message?**

Most in the Christian circles today have accepted a false replacement theology that Yahweh has replaced Israel with the New Testament Church. This could not be further from the truth. If we truly want to participate in the wonderful plan of our Heavenly Father, we must begin to lose our western mindset, and start to think like an ancient Israelite. It is called practical thinking. It deals with not only *who* Yahweh is, but *what* Yahweh does.

Faith is action, it is living, and our Elohim is an Elohim of faith. Yahweh has been working with the nation of Israel for the last 3,500 years, bringing them into covenant relationship with Himself. Although there were great blessings of prosperity with this covenant relationship, as we have seen there was also great judgment. Once Israel entered into covenant with Yahweh they brought a greater judgment on themselves for entering a covenant that was impossible for them to keep.

Many people today miss this aspect of the Sinai covenant. It was a covenant that was impossible for the people to keep. Under the terms of the Sinai covenant, if you even broke one law you were cursed.

***Deu 27:26 Cursed is he who does not rise to all the Words of this Law, to do them! And all the people shall say, Amen!***

Under the Sinai covenant there was no forgiveness of murder, adultery, or idolatry, only death. What many fail to recognize is the fact that, even on the Day of Atonement when the High Priest would go and sprinkle blood on the Ark of the Covenant, this would not cover sins such as murder or adultery. Isaiah 42 tells us that the Messiah would come to "*magnify the law*" and make it honorable. In Matt 5:17-20, Yahshua told us that was exactly what He came to do.

***Mat 5:17-20 Do not think that I came to annul the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to annul, but to fulfill.***

***Truly I say to you, Until the heaven and the earth pass away, in no way shall one iota or one point pass away from the Law until all comes to pass. Whosoever then shall break one of these commandments, the least, and shall teach men so, he shall be called least in the kingdom of Heaven. But whoever does and teaches them, this one shall be called great in the kingdom of Heaven. For I say to you, if your righteousness shall not exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, in no way shall you go into the kingdom of Heaven.***

Under the Sinai covenant, if someone committed murder he would receive death, but if he was angry with his brother, it was not a sin. Yahshua, by magnifying the law, and showing us that sin begins in the mind, far from doing away with the Torah, He made it honorable. He showed us that the intent of an action is even more important than the action itself.

***Mat 15:18-19 But the things which come out of the mouth come forth from the heart, and these defile the man. For out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, lies, blasphemies.***

In doing so, He showed us, all of humanity, that we are all murderers, adulterers, and idolaters. He showed us that a good action cannot annul a bad action, and that all of us have a death sentence over our heads that must be paid. He also showed us that the sacrificial system put in place under the Sinai covenant was never the Father's will, but was only added because of transgressions, until He should appear. The blood of bulls and goats could never have taken away even one sin, but only daily keep reminding the ones offering, that they were in need of a true Savior.

The sacrificial system was not part of the original law in the Garden of Eden, but was only added when sin entered.

***Gal 3:19 Why then the Law? It was added because of transgressions, until the Seed should come to those to whom it had been promised, being ordained through angels in the Mediator's hand.***

Once the penalty for sin had been paid by the Son of Yahweh, it was not necessary to have the tutor of the sacrificial system any longer. Yahweh allowed the system to continue for exactly 40 years from the time of the crucifixion of Yahshua in 30ad, until the time of the destruction of the Temple in 70ad. There will be a sacrificial system for a time in the millennium in order to allow Judah to enter the New Covenant from the Old, which is near disappearing (Heb8:13). Forty is Yahweh's number of trial or testing. Moses fasted 40 days in the wilderness, as did Yahshua. The children of Israel were 40 years in the wilderness wandering, and Nineveh had 40 days to repent or have their country perish. This was an example to first century Israel, to have 40 years of trial to accept Messiah, before the Temple was destroyed.

Amazingly enough, there were miraculous signs during that whole 40 year period to prove Yahshua was the Messiah. There was a large menorah, over five feet tall, standing in the Temple, right before the Holy of Holies. This menorah, (candlestick) was filled daily with olive oil, so as to never go out. Almost like an eternal flame would be today in some memorial, such as Yad Va Shem holocaust museum in Israel. Every night for 40 years the priest prepared the oil and filled the menorah, and every night for 40 years, the menorah went out on its own. Every night! What are the odds of that happening for 365 days a year, over a 40-year period? It is a number the mind can't even reckon. Also, there were gigantic doors that were over 20 feet high that stood at the entrance of the Temple. These magnificent doors were so big and heavy that it took 20 men to open or close them. Again, for the whole duration of 40 years, from the death of Yahshua in 30ad until the destruction of the Temple in 70ad, these doors opened of themselves at night in the temple. So great were these signs, that even Yohannan Ben Zakkia, one of the top leading Rabbis during the



destruction of the Temple in 70ad, stated that they knew the Shekinah glory (presence of Yahweh) had left the Temple, and that it would be destroyed. There were other miraculous signs that also happened.

This was clear-cut evidence to a Jew living in the 1<sup>st</sup> century that Yahshua was indeed Messiah. These were supernatural events that took place to show that the Temple rituals, which were only shadows and never forgave sin, were now complete; that, by one sacrifice, He has perfected all Israel, if they would only believe.

***Heb 10:8 Above, when He said, "Sacrifice and offering, and burnt offerings and offering for sin You did not desire, neither did You have pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the Law),***

***Heb 10:9 then He said, "Lo, I come to do Your will, O Elohim." He takes away the first so that He may establish the second.***

***Heb 10:10 By which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Yahshua Messiah once for all.***

***Heb 10:11 And indeed every priest stands day by day ministering and offering often the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.***

***Heb 10:12 But He, offering but one sacrifice for sins, sat down in perpetuity, at the right hand of Yahweh,***

***Heb 10:13 from then on expecting until His enemies are placed as a footstool of His feet.***

***Heb 10:14 For by one offering He has perfected in perpetuity the ones being sanctified.***

He came to take away the first (sacrificial system as a reminder of sin) to establish the second, His blood as the only real forgiveness of our sins. Under each covenant, the law is the same. It is a protective measure under the covenant to protect and sanctify the covenant people from sin and the world. The law is the very character of our Creator, and He, like His law, does not change.

How beautiful the plan of salvation is, when we truly understand the ways of our Creator. Now remember, only

Israel went into covenant with Yahweh, and only Israel had this penalty hanging over their heads, for breaking covenant with Yahweh. To the rest of the Gentile nations, Yahweh could have much more mercy because they never entered covenant with Him, and bound themselves to a covenant agreement. He has purposely kept the Gentile nations in unbelief, so that He could have mercy on them later.

***Rom 11:32 For Yahweh has shut up all in unbelief, so that He might show mercy to all.***

The Gentiles nations that never went into covenant with Yahweh could have a much lower scale of judgment to them since they never had a covenant relationship. As a matter of fact, the casting away of the Northern tribes of Israel into Diaspora could actually be the greatest gift the Heavenly Father could have given the Gentiles, because now, when Yahshua sends His disciples to search out the so-called lost tribes of Israel all over the earth, it is possible that any man of any race who fears Yahweh, also can join himself to the one tree of Israel. But there is a judicial order to salvation. Before Yahweh can make a covenant with any Gentile Nation, He must first fulfill His covenant with Israel.

Yahshua was an Israelite Savior, from the very seed of David. When he appeared in 27ad, many in Israel were waiting for the appearance of the Messiah. It was prophesied that the Israelite Messiah would come at that time. But if you went to another part of the world there was no expectation of a Roman messiah, or a Greek messiah, only a Hebrew one. This is because only Israel went into covenant relationship with Yahweh, and only they broke that relationship and needed a Messiah to repair that broken relationship. Only Israel was chosen by our Father out of all nations of the world to enter into covenant with Him. And it was only to Abraham and to his seed, "*Israel*," that the promise of the Messiah would come.

**Gal 3:16** *And to Abraham and to his Seed the promises were spoken. It does not say, and to seeds, as of many; but as of one, "And to your Seed," which is Messiah.*

So Someone had to come to earth and break the bondage under which that sin had placed all Israelites , according to the Sinai Covenant. Zechariah the eleventh chapter tells us about this event.

**Zec 11:10-14** *And I took My staff Kindness and broke it apart, to break My covenant which I had cut with all the peoples. And it was broken in that day, and so the poor of the flock who were watching Me knew that it was the Word of Yahweh. And I said to them, If it is good in your eyes, give My price; and if not, let it go. And they weighed My price, thirty pieces of silver. And Yahweh said to Me, Throw it to the potter, the magnificent price at which I was valued by them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw it to the potter in the house of Yahweh. Then I broke apart My second staff Union, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.*

The selling of Yahshua to the Pharisees by Judas Iscariot was the actual fulfillment of this - what it took for Yahshua to pay the penalty of sin and end the Sinai Covenant. He never ended Yahweh's eternal law, which was not the covenant itself but merely one of the terms of the covenant. We also see in Zechariah the thirteenth chapter Who this Messenger of Yahweh was Who paid the penalty for the sins of the first covenant.

**Zec 13:6** *And one shall say to Him, What are these wounds between Your hands? Then He shall answer, Those with which I was struck in the house of those who love Me.*

**Zec 13:7** *O sword, awake against My Shepherd, and against the mighty Warrior, who is My Companion, says Yahweh of Hosts. Strike the Shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.*

These verses show dogmatically Who this Messenger was. He has wounds in His hands, from the job He had to do in conquering sin under the first covenant. Verse 7 also shows us He is a valiant Warrior and a Companion and Comrade of Yahweh Himself. The Hebrew word for warrior in verse seven is “*ghehber*.” It comes from the same root word in Isaiah 9:6 that talks about the Messiah being called “Mighty Elohim.”

***Isa 9:6 A Child is born; to us a Son is given; and the government is on His shoulder; and His Name is called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty Elohim, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.***

The picture is so clear that the coming Messiah was not only the Companion of Yahweh the Father, but He was also Elohim and His very Son.

***Psa 2:6-7 Yes, I have set My King on My holy mount on Zion. I will declare concerning the statute of Yahweh: He said to Me, You are My Son. Today I have begotten You.***

The world has replaced the Hebrew Messiah Yahshua with a mythological Greek figure called “*IE- Zeus*.”

My wife and I have lived in Israel for the better part of four years now, and we see much of this transformation of the Hebrew Savior into the Greek. I urge you to study about Yahshua the Savior of Israel. Read His words in the gospels, and try to understand His message from a Hebraic background.

***Luk 1:67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying,  
Luk 1:68 Blessed is the Yahweh, the Elohim of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people  
Luk 1:69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David,  
Luk 1:70 as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from eternity;***

**Luk 1:71 that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us,  
Luk 1:72 to perform the mercy promised to our  
fathers, and to remember His holy covenant,  
Luk 1:73 the oath which He swore to our father  
Abraham,  
Luk 1:74 that He would grant to us, that we, being  
delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might  
serve Him without fear  
Luk 1:75 in holiness and righteousness before Him  
all the days of our life.  
Luk 1:76 And you, child, will be called the prophet  
of the Highest, for you shall go before the face of  
the Master to prepare His ways,  
Luk 1:77 to give knowledge of salvation to His  
people by the remission of their sins,**

Yahshua came to earth to redeem Israel. Yahweh started a work with Israel, and He was going to complete the work He started. This included all 12 tribes.

**Joh 11:49-52 And one of them, Caiaphas, being the  
high priest of that year, said to them, You do not  
know anything at all, nor do you consider that it  
is expedient for us that one man should die for  
the people, and not that the whole nation perish.  
And he did not speak this of himself, but being  
high priest that year, he prophesied that Yahshua  
should die for the nation; and not for that nation  
only, but also that He should gather together in  
one the children of Yahweh who were scattered  
abroad ( the lost tribes).**

A point that is much lost in the western Greek gospel preached today is that Yahshua came, not only for the Jews (Judah), but for all 12 tribes of Israel.

Now it is interesting to note at this point that many, who are ignorant to the existence of the lost tribes of Israel, claim that when the Jews came back to Israel from the Diaspora from Babylon in 539BC, that all 12 tribes came back with them. This would have been quite impossible,

considering that the Northern tribes never went into captivity in Babylon; rather, they went into captivity in Assyria some 120 years prior to the Babylon captivity. Granted, there was a remnant of the some of the Northern Tribes that did migrate to Judah before the captivity into Assyria. But this number was miniscule, and did not come from every tribe of Israel, anyway. But what this Scripture in John 11 points out is that during the time of Yahshua's ministry on earth, the 12 tribes were still scattered abroad and were not all back, living in the land of Israel. It is a clear fact of 1<sup>st</sup> century history, and most importantly of the Scriptures, that Yahshua did not come for the Gentiles, nor did He come only for the House of Judah, but He came to save all Israel (all 12 tribes) from the death penalty of breaking Yahweh's covenant. This is not meant to offend the Gentiles, and it is not against them. It is just a fact of Scripture that Yahweh did not enter covenant with the Gentiles, so they were not under the same judgment as Israel. Later, as we shall see, Yahweh, in His ultimate love for all His creation, did allow for a Gentile with a heart to serve Yahweh to be able to be grafted into the one tree of Israel. But let's make this clear: Yahweh never because a *Gentile Elohim*! If a Gentile joined himself to Yahweh, he had to become a seed of Abraham and an heir according to the promises of Abraham, through the blood of Yahshua.

***Gal 3:29 And if you are Messiah's, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.***

There was no independent covenant to Gentiles. They had to join the tree of Israel, and Yahshua came to save Israel from the covenant that they had broken.

***Act 2:22 Men, Israelites, hear these words. Yahshua of Nazareth, a man approved of Elohim among you by powerful works, and wonders and miracles, which Yahweh did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know,***

**Act 2:23** *this One given to you by the before-determined counsel and foreknowledge of Yahweh, you have taken and by lawless hands, crucifying Him, you put Him to death;*

**Act 2:24** *whom Yahweh raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.*

**Act 2:25** *For David speaks concerning Him, "I foresaw the Almighty always before me, because He is at my right hand, that I should not be moved.*

**Act 2:26** *Therefore my heart rejoiced and my tongue was glad; and also My flesh shall rest in hope,*

**Act 2:27** *because You will not leave My soul in Hades, nor will You allow Your holy One to see corruption.*

**Act 2:28** *You revealed to Me the ways of life. You will fill Me with joy with Your countenance."*

**Act 2:29** *Men, brothers, it is permitted to say to you with plainness as to the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.*

**Act 2:30** *Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that Yahweh had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, He would raise up Messiah to sit upon his throne,*

**Act 2:31** *seeing this beforehand, he spoke of the resurrection of Messiah, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor would His flesh see corruption,*

**Act 2:32** *Yahweh raised up this Yahshua, of which we all are witnesses.*

**Act 2:33** *Therefore being exalted to the right of Yahweh, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this which you now see and hear.*

**Act 2:34** *For David has not ascended into the heavens, but he says himself, " YHWH said to my YHWH, Sit at My right hand*

**Act 2:35** *until I place Your enemies as a footstool to Your feet."*

**Act 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that Yahweh made this same Yahshua, whom you crucified, both Master and Messiah.**

It is clear from Peter's sermon, that he believed that Yahshua came to redeem all Israel from the curses of breaking Yahweh's covenant. The Apostle Paul also speaks of Yahshua coming to redeem Israel from the curses of breaking Yahweh's covenant.

**Gal 3:9-13 So then those of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. For as many as are out of works of the Law (sacrificial system), these are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the Book of the Law, to do them." But that no one is justified by the Law in the sight of Yahweh is clear, for, "The just shall live by faith." But the Law is not of faith; but, "The man who does these things shall live in them." Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone having been hanged on a tree");**

Yahshua redeemed Israel from the curse of breaking Yahweh's laws under the Sinai covenant. Let's look at some other Scriptures also showing that Yahshua came to earth to redeem the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

**Mat 15:21-26 And going out from there, Yahshua withdrew to the parts of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan coming out of these borders cried to Him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Master, Son of David! My daughter is grievously vexed with a demon. But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, Send her away, for she cries after us.**

**Mat 15:24 But He answered and said, I am not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then she came and worshiped Him, saying,**



***Master, help me! But He answered and said, it is not good to take the children's bread and to throw it to dogs.***

Now this is very clear from Yahshua's own mouth, that He came not for the Gentiles but for **the LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL!** It was not the time for making a covenant with the Gentiles; He would do this during His millennial reign - there was still the judicial order of the covenant that needed to be fulfilled with the 12 sons of Israel.

***Joh 10:14-16 I am the Good Shepherd, and I know those that are Mine, and I am known by those who are Mine. Even as the Father knows Me, I also know the Father. And I lay down My life for the sheep. And I have other sheep who are not of this fold. I must also lead those, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one Shepherd.***

Who are these other sheep that Yahshua is telling Judah about? They are none other than the other 10 tribes of Israel. Notice also that Yahshua talks about there being only **One flock** and **One fold** in the future. He is actually quoting Ezekiel the 37<sup>th</sup> chapter, which says that, at His return, He will once again bring the two houses of Israel into one.

***Eze 37:15 And the Word of Yahweh came to me, saying,***

***Eze 37:16 And you, son of man, take a stick and write on it, For Judah and for his companions, the sons of Israel. And take another stick and write on it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and all the house of Israel, his companions.***

***Eze 37:17 And join them to one another into one stick. And they shall become one in your hand.***

***Eze 37:18 And when the sons of your people shall speak to you, saying, Will you not declare to us what these mean to you?***

**Eze 37:19** Say to them, So says the Almighty Yahweh: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions, and I will put them with him, with the stick of Judah, and will make them one stick, and they shall be one in My hand.

**Eze 37:20** And the sticks on which you write shall be in your hand before their eyes.

**Eze 37:21** And say to them, So says the Almighty Yahweh: Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and will gather them on every side, and will bring them into their own land.

**Eze 37:22** And I will make them one nation in the land on the mountains of Israel, and one King shall be king to them all. And they shall not still be two nations, nor shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all.

**Eze 37:23** Nor shall they be defiled with their idols, even with their filthy idols, nor with all of their transgressions. But I will save them out of all their dwelling places, in them where they sinned, and will cleanse them. And they shall be to Me for a people, and I will be to them for Elohim.

**Eze 37:24** And My beloved servant shall be King over them. And there shall be one Shepherd to all of them. And they shall walk in My judgments, and obey My Laws, and do them.

**Eze 37:25** And they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, the land in which your fathers have lived. And they shall dwell in it, even they and their sons, and the sons of their sons for ever. And My beloved servant shall be their ruler forever.

**Eze 37:26** And I will cut a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them, and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever.

**Eze 37:27** And My tabernacle shall be with them. Yea, I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people.

***Eze 37:28 And the nations shall know that I Yahweh sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary shall be in their midst forever.***

What a beautiful a chapter this is. When the Messiah returns, He will take the two sticks of Ephraim and Judah and make them one again in the land, and Yahshua will reign over the whole house of Israel. Not since the days of King Solomon has the Kingdom of Israel been one, or *echad* in Hebrew. As we discussed earlier, “*echad*” depicts a total union of mind and soul that comes from a covenant relationship. Solomon, who represented the earthly, fleshly kingdom, disqualified himself because of earthly lust and caused the kingdom of Israel to be divided. Yahshua, the second Solomon, so to speak, will re-unite what Solomon destroyed through the flesh. Yahshua, the Son of David, through Nathan, not Solomon, has qualified to sit on the throne of David forever. Zechariah also tells us about the Messiah uniting the two houses of Israel into one.

***Zec 6:12-13, And speak to him, saying, So speaks Yahweh of Hosts, saying, Behold the Man whose Name is The BRANCH! And He shall spring up out of His place, and He shall build the temple of Yahweh. Even He shall build the temple of Yahweh; and He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on His throne. And He shall be a priest on His throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.***

Yahshua will unite the two houses of Joseph and Judah; Judah, which pictures the kingship, and Joseph, representing the priesthood of the suffering servant of Yahweh.

Romans the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter is also further proof that Yahshua came to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

***Rom 9:1-5 I tell the truth in Messiah, I do not lie, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have great heaviness and continual***

***pain in my heart. For I myself was wishing to be accursed from Messiah for my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh, who are Israelites; to whom belong the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the Law, and the service of Yahweh, and the promises; whose are the fathers, and of whom according to flesh the Messiah came, He being Elohim over all, blessed forever. Amen.***

So again, we see that the Messiah came to save Israel from the curses of the broken covenant. This was and still is the good-news message of the Kingdom of Yahweh. It is the message that the plan that started with Abraham and Israel 3,800 years ago is about to be fulfilled: to be a model nation to the rest of the world, so that they would see the benefits of obedience to the laws of Yahweh and also want to come into covenant relationship and be blessed. It is the wonderful message that, as sin came through one man Adam, and mankind's covenant with Yahweh was broken through him, so redemption from sin also has come through one Man, the second Adam, Yahshua Messiah. It is the wonderful message that, as the kingdom of Israel was torn in two through the unfaithfulness of one man, Solomon, so the Kingdom of Israel will now be joined together again forever, through the faithfulness of one Man, Yahshua Messiah.

It is the wonderful message of worldwide peace and safety, of Israel being that true model nation that they were meant to be.

***Isa 2:2-4 And it shall be in the last days, the mountain of the house of Yahweh shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it. And many people shall go and say, Come and let us go up to the mount of Yahweh, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob. And He will teach from His ways, and we will walk in His paths. For the Law will go forth out of Zion, and the Word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. And He shall***

***judge among the nations and shall rebuke many people. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war any more.***

It is also important to mention that, although Yahshua came to redeem Israel from their broken covenant promises, when He returns He will not only be King over Israel, but King over all the earth. Although the purpose of this book is to show that Yahweh is restoring Israel back into a covenant relationship with Himself, we don't want to diminish the point that, after Israel is restored, Yahshua will reign as King of all Nations on earth during the millennium. However, that will not happen until the Messiah finishes restoring His covenant relationship to the 12 tribes of Israel.

***Isa 66:19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those who escape from them to the nations of Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, drawers of the bow; to Tubal and Javan, to the far away coasts that have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the nations.***

Now we will again unroll the scrolls of history and take a look at where the Apostles went to preach, and who they went to preach to. You will be shocked and amazed when you see where the sons of Israel are today. You will also be amazed to find out that many, if not most, of true believers today, who think that they are Gentiles, are actually Israelites according to flesh, from the seed of Abraham.

## **Chapter 6 - WHERE DID THE APOSTLES GO?**

***John 1:11 states that “Yahshua came to His own, and His own received Him not.”***

We know that in Matthew the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter He told His disciples;

***Mat 28:18-20 And coming up Yahshua talked with them, saying, All authority in Heaven and on earth was given to Me. Then having gone, disciple all nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days until the completion of the age. Amen.***

At this point, most wrongly assume that, because of Judah's rejection of Yahshua, Yahweh began a new covenant with the Gentiles. This idea is nowhere in Scripture, and this chapter will prove that theory to be false.

First of all, we have already proven that Yahweh only made covenant with the nation of Israel; with no other nation or people did He make covenant.

***Amo 3:2a You only have I known of all the families of the earth.***

Also, you must remember that, if Yahshua came to earth to redeem Israel because of the serious covenant agreement they had broken, then it would also stand to reason that He would have to save all Israel, not just one tribe (Judah). When Yahshua started His ministry in 27ad, only Judah had come back to the land of Israel to that point. Judah went into captivity from 605-572 BC and started to come back to the land of Israel in 539BC. They then built the second temple of Zerubbabel while they were under the control of the Persian Empire. This was followed by the Greek empire, then the Roman empire of the first century. So up until the time of Yahshua's

ministry, only Judah had come back to the land. Though there are traces of the tribe of Benjamin and part of the tribe of Levi that also blended in with Judah, those living in Israel in the first century were primarily Jews. There were small remnants of the Northern tribes that had migrated to Judah during King Jehoshaphat's reign, but these were still relatively small in number compared to the full number of Israelites from the north.

As we have shown in a previous chapter, the Northern house of Israel, called the House of Ephraim, went into captivity in the Assyrian Empire, and from there migrated all over the world but never returned to the land of Israel, even until today.

So, when Yahshua was commissioning His disciples to go throughout all the world making disciples, He was doing so to bring the good news message that He had brought to Judah, to Ephraim also, to the rest of the tribes of Israel. There were two houses of Israel. One was the northern 10 tribes, or the house of Joseph, or Ephraim, and the other was the house of Judah, or the Jews. From the Scripture in John 1:11, we have just seen that when Yahshua had His earthly ministry, it was only to the house of Judah, who basically rejected it. So, it is only logical that He would send His disciples not to Gentiles, who had no covenant relationship, or punishment coming, but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. This is exactly what He did.

***Mat 10:5-7 Yahshua sent these twelve out, charging them, saying: Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not go into a Samaritan city. But rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And going on, proclaim, saying, The kingdom of Heaven has drawn near.***

This is not to say that a Gentile could not join himself to the one tree of Israel, entering into the covenant of Israel. Because of the casting away of Israel, it gave a great opportunity to Gentiles worldwide. Before Yahshua's commission to the 12 to go "into all the world seeking the lost sheep of Israel," a Gentile would never have had the

opportunity to find out about the true Elohim of Israel unless he lived in Israel and joined himself to the covenant of Israel. Now that the Apostles were going worldwide to seek their brothers, the lost tribes of Israel, any person of any race, or color could also hear the good-news message and join the covenant of Israel, if he was sincere.

***Act 10:34-36 And opening his mouth, Peter said, Truly I see that Elohim is not a respecter of persons, but in every nation the one fearing Him and working righteousness is acceptable to Him. The Word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching the gospel of peace through Yahshua Messiah, this One is Master of all.***

Peter saw that the word that had come to Israel was now open to all mankind, if they chose to join the covenant of Israel. Some have mistaken the message of the two Houses of Israel, to be saying that salvation is only available to a blood-born Israelite. This could not be further from the truth. The point to understanding the two Houses of Israel is to understand the plan our Heavenly Father is working out today, recalling His covenant people Israel. It is to show that replacement theology is a lie of Satan to hide the truth of Yahweh, and to show that the words and laws of Yahweh are pertinent to us today as believers since we are Israelites and part of the seed of Abraham. But in no way is this message meant to be exclusive to any one group of people, or meant to exclude anyone from Yahweh's covenant. But make no mistake! If you are a Gentile who is trying to join himself to Yahweh through a covenant relationship, there is only one way to do it, through *the covenant of the House of Israel*, through Abraham our forefather. A Gentile must join the one tree of Israel, rather than making Yahweh into a gentile "god."

It is very important to note here that this is why all true believers today should be keeping the Feasts of Yahweh outlined in Leviticus the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter, and not Christmas and Easter, which are pagan holidays. The early



congregation never kept Christmas or Easter in the days of the Apostles, but it was later blended into the faith by pagan gentile rulers such as Constantine, the Emperor of Rome. Please write for our free book, "*The Great Falling Away*," for full details on this changeover.

Salvation was opened to Gentiles by the falling away of Israel, but Yahweh our Elohim never changed.

***Rom 11:11 I say, then, Did not they stumble that they fall? Let it not be! But by their slipping away came salvation to the nations, to provoke them to jealousy.***

The point of allowing Gentiles into the covenant was meant by Yahweh to provoke Israel to jealousy. When Gentile Christians go to Orthodox Jews and falsely tell them to "*accept Jesus*" so that they can eat pork, break the Sabbath, and not have to keep that "evil" law of Yahweh, it is not doing any benefit to anyone. I have been able to witness to many Jews in Israel and even immerse (baptize) some. What has won their respect is my love of the Torah, and my respect for all the words of Yahweh.

We will discuss more about the Gentiles' role in the covenant when we follow the evangelical path of the Apostle Paul later.

So it is apparent from Scripture that Yahshua did not send His disciples to Gentiles but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. This makes total sense since He came to save all of Israel, not only one tribe, Judah.

***Joh 11:50-52- nor consider that it is profitable for us that one man die for the people, and not all the nation to perish. But he did not say this from himself, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Yahshua was about to die on behalf of the nation, and not only on behalf of the nation, but that He also might gather into one the children of Yahweh who had been scattered.***

Because of the promises made to David, the Messiah was to be from the House of Judah. So that is why Yahshua

came to His own first (Judah), but Judah rejected Him (Jn 1:11). So it only stands to reason that He would then bring the message of redemption back to the covenant of Yahweh, through His blood, to the rest of the House of Israel.

As we have seen, Judah was the primary tribe or House in the day of Yahshua. Ephraim was still in Diaspora. But when Judah rejected Yahshua, then Ephraim was given an opportunity to be grafted back into their own covenant.

So the job of the Apostles, as given by Yahshua Himself, was the beginning of the calling back of the lost tribes of Israel, back to the covenant of Yahweh.

It is also interesting to note a prophecy that Yahshua gave to Judah in Luke the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter, when they rejected Him as Messiah.

***Luk 13:34-35 Jerusalem! Jerusalem! The one killing the prophets, and stoning those having been sent to her, how often I desired to gather your children in the way a hen gathers her brood under the wings, and you did not desire it. Behold, "your house is left to you desolate." And truly I say to you, You shall not at all see Me until it comes when you say, "Blessed is the One coming in the Name of Yahweh."***

Judah was told their house would be left to them desolate. We have already explained that the kingly line from David to Solomon was cursed to be desolate, and that the Messiah would come through the line of Nathan. So Judah would no longer be the primary tribe of Israel. Now Ephraim would be the primary tribe. This does not mean that Judah has been cast away for good. We know their eyes will be opened to Yahshua as Messiah when He returns.

***Zec 12:10 And I will pour on the house of David, and on those living in Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of prayers. And they shall look on Me (aleph, Tav) Whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son,***

***and they shall be bitter over Him, like the bitterness over the first-born.***

When Yahshua returns the House of Judah will also accept Him as Messiah. It is interesting to note in this verse that between the words, *Me* and *Whom* are the two Hebrew letters "*aleph*" and "*tav*." These are the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet, and one of the Names by which Yahshua calls Himself.

***Rev 1:7-8 "Behold, He comes with the clouds," and "every eye will see Him, and the ones who pierced" Him, and all the tribes of the earth "will wail on account of Him." Yes, Amen. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the Ending, says the Master, the One Who is, and Who was, and Who is coming, the Almighty.***

The alpha and the omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, just as Aleph and Tav are in the Hebrew. There is actually some new historical proof showing that the book of Revelation was most likely originally written in Hebrew.

Both The House of Judah and the House of Israel (Ephraim) were unfaithful and needed a Messiah to redeem them from the covenant promises that they had broken. Once Yahshua came to earth and paid that penalty for their sins, He could start a new covenant with them. His sacrifice, done once for all and continuing until today, could pay the penalty for future sins under the new covenant.

***Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that I will cut a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,***

***Jer 31:32 not according to the covenant that I cut with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt (which covenant of Mine they broke, although I was a husband to them, says Yahweh).***

***Jer 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will cut with the house of Israel: After those days, declares Yahweh, I will put My Law in their inward parts, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people.***

***Jer 31:34 And they shall no longer each man teach his neighbor, and each man his brother, saying, Know Yahweh. For they shall all know Me, from the least of them even to the greatest of them, declares Yahweh. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sins no more.***

Now that Yahshua had paid the penalty of the old covenant, Yahweh was able to make a new covenant with Israel. Notice that His law is the same in both covenants, the difference being that in the New Covenant it is written on the hearts, so that the sons of Israel would not be disobedient. This can only come through the imparting of the Holy Spirit. Now when one becomes a new believer in Yahshua, he is a new creation.

***2Co 5:17-18 So that if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new! And all things are from Elohim, the One having reconciled us to Himself through Yahshua Messiah, and having given to us the ministry of reconciliation.***

Once one becomes a believer in Yahshua, he would not be considered a Gentile any longer, or even a Messianic Jew, but a Messianic Israelite. Yahshua, Who is doing a new thing, has made all into one unto Himself.

***Gal 3:26-29 for you are all sons of Yahweh through faith in Yahshua Messiah. For as many as were immersed (baptized) into Messiah, you put on Messiah. There cannot be Jew nor Greek, there is no slave nor freeman, there is no male and female; for you are all one in Yahshua Messiah. And if you***

***are of Messiah, then you are a seed of Abraham, even heirs according to promise.***

Through Yahshua, the Creator of all things, we have spiritually become one or “*echad*” in him. He will also physically gather together the seed of Abraham to Himself at His return, as we have seen in Ezekiel the 37<sup>th</sup> chapter.

So, the job of the early believers was to go throughout the whole world, calling back the lost tribes of Israel to the covenant of Yahweh, through the blood of Yahshua. As they were doing this, salvation was open to any person of any race or color who feared Yahweh and sought to join the covenant of Israel. Let us now follow the path of the original Apostles and see where they went.

It is interesting to note who the New Testament was written to, in order to be able to understand where the Apostles were preaching. Paul’s primary mission was to the Nations, as we will see shortly. Most of the New Testament was written by Paul. Strangely enough, even the book of Acts written by Luke (who, by the way, was an Israelite, not a Gentile), after chapter 12 deals almost exclusively with the journeys of Paul, and not the other Apostles. Doesn’t it seem strange that there were 12 Apostles who were with Yahshua during His whole earthly ministry, yet the vast majority of the New Testament was written by an Apostle who never even met Him during His earthly ministry, and whose primary job was not to the lost tribes of Israel?

There is a very good reason for this. Yahweh was trying to hide the identity of the lost tribes of Israel until the end time. In the plan of our Heavenly Father, the lost tribes were not to be known, or to return to the land of Israel, until the last generation, when the Messiah appears.

Another reason for hiding the identity of the lost Tribes of Israel was for their safety. After the death of the Apostles, at the beginning of the second century AD, a great persecution started on all true believers until 325 AD and the council of Nicea, under Emperor Constantine. After the council of Nicea, it was ruled that any one keeping the Sabbath or the Holy days or *caught Judiazing*, as Constantine put it, were criminals. Many were put to

death at this time. The true believers had to flee to the mountains for over 1200 years. I document this time period fully in my book entitled "*The Great Falling Away.*" So Yahweh, in His infinite wisdom, knew He would need to hide the identity of the Lost Tribes of Israel to protect them from the religious persecution that would come. This is why very little is said in Scripture about where the Apostles preached, to protect their identity. But secular history tells us quite a bit about the Apostles journeys, as we will see shortly.

First though, let us look at a few clues that have been left in Scripture to show us the hidden trail of the Lost Tribes of Israel. Did you ever notice that every book in the New Testament ends with the word "*Amen*"? It shows completeness to the book written. That is, every book but three. Three books in the New Testament do not end with the word amen, because they are not complete, and they contain clues to the lost Tribes of Israel. They are the book of Acts, James, and 3<sup>rd</sup> John. We will discuss why the book of Acts does not have an *Amen* at its end when we discuss the Apostle Paul's journeys shortly.

Let us now look at the book of James. As states, James does not contain an *Amen* at the end. We will clearly see that this was deliberately done to show that the book was not completed, in order to conceal the identity of the tribes of Israel. Let's take a look at how the book starts and to whom James was writing.

***Jam 1:1 James, a slave of Yahweh and of the Master Yahshua Messiah, to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion, greeting:***

You may have never noticed that before, but very clearly James is writing to the 12 tribes that are in the Diaspora. It is interesting to note that he even includes Judah because, although many Jews were living in the land of Israel, there were many Jews who were still in Diaspora at the time of the 1<sup>st</sup> century. Acts 2 lists many of these displaced Jews that Peter was preaching to from the Diaspora.

From James 4:1 we learn that there were outbreaks of war in these areas where the lost tribes were living:

***Jam 4:1a From where do wars and fightings among you come?***

If we look into the history books in around 60AD, the time of the writing of the book of James, we find that there were no wars in Judah at this time. War did not break out until the Roman revolt in 66AD. The only wars going on in the world at this time were in The Parthian Empire and in the British Isles. Interesting enough, this is exactly where we have proven that many of the lost tribes were.

When we look at 3<sup>rd</sup> John it is very evident why he left an Amen out of his letter. John was the last living Apostle and did most of his ministry in Asia Minor. By the time of this letter, it was the end of the first century AD, and persecution on true believers was already creeping in. Since many of the lost tribes were in the region to which he was writing, he did not want to reveal their location to would-be attackers of the true faith.

Let us also look at the 1<sup>st</sup> epistle of Peter.

***1Pe 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Yahshua Messiah, to the elect sojourners of the dispersion of Pontus, of Galatia, of Cappadocia, of Asia, and of Bithynia,***

We see that Peter was writing to the elect sojourners scattered abroad. He mentions several places where these lost Israelites were scattered. Notice also how he relates to them. He calls them sojourners. The Greek work for this is "*parepidemos*." It literally means a resident foreigner, or an alien alongside. It refers, not to gentiles, but to non-gentiles who dwelt among gentiles as foreigners. Then, we see again that these Israelites were living in the same regions that history tells us they migrated to, and that also tells us that the Apostles went to preach there. Peter was not talking to Jews, for he would never address Jews as strangers, as he himself was a Jew. These areas were the northern half of Asia Minor, all just west of the

Parthian Empire. Paul did not preach in these areas but only preached in southern or Greek Asia Minor.

***Rom 15:19b-20 so as for me to have fulfilled the preaching of the good news of Messiah from Jerusalem and in a circle as far as Illyricum. And so eagerly striving to preach the gospel where Messiah was not named, so that I should not build on another's foundation,***

Nowhere do you see Paul preaching in Pontus, Cappadocia, or Bithynia. These areas were under the jurisdiction of Peter and other of the twelve Apostles. Paul did not preach the good news of Yahshua in the north of Asia, but only in the south half, in the districts of Ephesus. Paul was expressly forbidden to preach in the north.

***Act 16:6-8 And passing through the Phrygian and the Galatian country, being forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the Word in Asia, coming against Mysia, they attempted to go along Bithynia, and the Spirit did not allow them. And passing by Mysia, they came down into Troas.***

Paul was forbidden to go into these areas because the lost tribes were there, and it was given to the twelve, not Paul to preach to them.

***Gal 2:7 but on the contrary, seeing that I (Paul) have been entrusted with the gospel of the uncircumcision, even as Peter to the circumcision,***

Paul did preach in southern Galatia, in the cities of Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe, but nowhere in Scripture do you find Paul journeying to northern Galatia.

Now, let us look at the journeys of the twelve Apostles from history. Metaphastes, the Greek historian, writes about the Apostle Peter *“that Peter was not only in these western parts, by the western Mediterranean, but he was particularly a long time in Britain, where he converted many nations to the faith.”*<sup>1</sup> It is interesting to note that Peter was in Britain preaching to the lost tribes of Israel, the same place where James said wars were going on when he wrote to the lost tribes.



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Next let's look at Andrew, the brother of Peter. Andrew was allotted Scythia, a major place of Israelites as we have already proven, and the neighboring countries. First, he traveled through Cappadocia, upper Galatia and Bithynia to arrive there, passing along the Euxine Sea (ancient name for Black Sea) and into the solitudes of Scythia. Interesting enough, these are the very regions that the Apostle Paul by-passed, due to their infusion of Israelites.

Let's see what is written about Andrew's journeys in Caves' "Antiquitates Apostolicae":

*"Andrew went next to Trapezus, a maritime city upon the Euxline Sea, whence after many other places he came to Nice, where he stayed two years, preaching and working miracles with great success: thence to Nicomedia, and so to Chalcedon; whence sailing through the Propontis he came by the Euxline Sea to Heraclea, and from thence to Amastris. He next came to Sinope, a city situated upon the same sea, here he met with his brother Peter, with whom he stayed a considerable time.*

*"Whence after some time he betook himself, to the country of the Abasgi, (a land in the Caucasus) hence he removed into Asiatic Scythia or Sarmatia (after Samaria), but finding the inhabitants very barbarous and intractable, he stayed not long among them, only at Cherson, a great and populous city within the Bosphorus (this Bosphorus is the modern Crimea) he continued some time, instructing and confirming them in the faith. Hence taking ship, he sailed across the sea to Sinope, situated in Paphlagonia".<sup>2</sup>*

Andrew was preaching in the same exact areas that history clearly shows that the lost tribes were living.

Next we come to Simon the Zealot. History tells us that

*"Simon directed his journey toward Egypt, thence to Cyrene, and Africa, and throughout Mauritania and all Lybia, preaching the good news. Nor could the coldness of the climate benumb his zeal, or hinder him from shipping himself and the Christian doctrine over to the western islands."<sup>3</sup>*

Did you notice that Simon preached in northern Africa, the very area of the Carthage Empire to which the Lost Tribes of Israel had migrated, as we have already seen? It is also interesting to note, that when the Saxons (Sons of

*Isaac*) migrated to Ireland and then onto Britain, they did so with 160,000 white Africans. These countless thousands were not Arabs nor Berbers, but a white race that was living in Africa after being driven out of the Middle East by a powerful enemy and pursued unto Greece. From there they made their escape to North Africa.<sup>4</sup> What white nation of people were cast out of the Middle East from the western shores of Asia? Clearly this is the House of Israel. Then from the Northern shores of Africa, some migrated north to Ireland and Britain, and some migrated south to other African countries such as Kenya and Ethiopia. I know of thousands of Kenyans today who keep the Sabbath and the Torah and are remnants of the tribes of Israel. Also, many Ethiopians today are recognized as Israelites and are allowed to live in the land of Israel.

In 1981, thousands of Ethiopian Israelites were airlifted by the Israeli Defense Force after one of the head Rabbis in Israel publicly proclaimed that they were indeed Israelites, probably from the tribe of Dan.

Next, let us look at James Son of Alphaeus.

*“After the death of Steven, James came to the western parts, and particularly to Spain, where he planted Christianity.”<sup>5</sup>*

Why Spain? It is a well-known fact that from ancient times Spain was a high road of migration from the Eastern Mediterranean to the British Isles. The ancient royal house of Ireland for a time dwelt in Spain.

How about the Parthian Empire, the place where many Israelites dwelt? History reveals that *“Thomas brought the good news message to Parthia, after which Sophronius, and others inform us, that “he also preached the gospel to the Medes, Persians, Carmans, Hyrcani, Bactrians, and the neighboring nations.”<sup>6</sup>*

We know these lands today as Iran, Afghanistan, and as far west as India. In apostolic days a major part of this region was subject to the Parthians. There are many tribal groups in Afghanistan and as far as India today who are claiming that they are descendants from the lost tribes of Israel. Many can trace their lineage all the way back to the Parthian Empire. The Arts and Entertainment channel

did a documentary about these groups several years ago, documenting the migration we are speaking about. They showed a fairly large group of settlers that lived on the India-Burma border who called themselves “*Menaseh*,” after the tribe of Manasseh. Rabbi Eliyahu Avichail, a well-known rabbi from Israel, has helped many of these Menaseh Indians migrate to the land of Israel. They have ancient maps to show that they are the ancestors of ancient Manasseh. The maps show the route that their ancestors took across central Asia, through China to India.<sup>7</sup>

Thomas preached in India to what history calls *the white Indians*, but we know them as displaced Israelites.

Bartholomew shared with Thomas the same vast plains, according to Nicephorus. Bartholomew also spent part of his time in neighboring Armenia, and a portion of upper Phrygia in Asia Minor, the same area that Andrew was in, and to which Peter sent two of his letters.

Next we come to Thaddaeus, who had part in the ministry in Assyria and Mesopotamia. This was part of Parthia that Josephus designated as still inhabited by the ten Northern tribes of Israel.

Then we come to Phillip. Scythia and upper Asia were the areas assigned to Phillip.<sup>8</sup> As we have seen, many Israelites migrated to Scythia during the time of the Assyrian captivity. Scythia was the name of the vast plain north of the Black and Caspian Seas. From Scythia migrated the Scots. The word *Scot* is derived from the word *Scyth*. It means an inhabitant of Scythia. The Scots are part of the House of Israel. Interesting enough, the word *Scythia* in Celtic has the same meaning that Hebrew does in Semetic- a “*migrant*” or “*wanderer*,” which the Israelites certainly were.

What about Matthew? Metaphrastes tells us “*that Matthew went first to Parthia, then having successfully planted the faith in those areas, thence traveled into Aethiopia, that is, the Asiatic Aethiopia, lying near to India.*”<sup>9</sup>

For some centuries this region of the Hindu Kush, bordering on Scythia and Parthia, was known as “*White India*.” It lies slightly east of the area where Assyria settled

the Israelites captives. A natural process of growth led the House of Israel to those sparsely populated areas.

Next we come to Matthias, the Apostle who was not named until after the resurrection of Yahshua. Ethiopian and Greek sources designate Dacia (modern Romania) and Macedonia, north of Greece, as part of Matthias' ministry. Dacia was the extreme western part of Scythia. From Dacia came the Normans who settled in Scandinavia, France and Britain. Scandinavia was originally named "Scath-anavia" in honor of the Scyths.<sup>10</sup>

Lastly we come to the Apostle John. The French tradition that Mary, the mother of Yahshua, journeyed into Gaul (modern France) lends weight to John's having been in Gaul in his earlier years. There is much historical evidence to show that the tribe of Reuben migrated to France. One interesting point on that is the latest war in 2003 with America and Iraq. If you remember, France was the most outspoken opponent against America going to war with Iraq and occupying their land. The reason may be one not thought of by most people. 1Chronicles 5 tells us that Reuben had spread out from Gilead all the way to the Euphrates River (Modern Iraq).

***1Ch 5:6 Beerah, his son, whom Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria exiled. He was ruler of the men of Reuben.***

***1Ch 5:9 And he lived as far to the east as to the entrance of the wilderness from the Euphrates River, because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead.***

So we see that Reuben (France) may have had more to protect against America occupying the land of Iraq, than previously thought.

We know from many other historical sources, including Eusebius, that most of John's later years were spent in Asia Minor, where he was basically the main congregational leader there. These were the very same areas to which that Peter addressed his epistle, and that we have seen that the lost tribes of Israel were living in.

The good news message of the Kingdom did not leave the land of Israel until 10 years or so after the formation of the New Testament Congregation. By the time the good news message did go out to the lost tribes, James had already been beheaded by Herod, and he was the only Apostle not to leave the land of Israel.

It is just simply amazing when you unroll the scrolls of history and see where the original Apostles ministered. Most people have no idea what the early Apostles were doing. Most of the history of Christianity is derived from 3<sup>rd</sup> century philosophers and pagan Roman church leaders. It is vitally important that the true message of where the Apostles went is released. This will open the minds of people to see that the Apostles were fulfilling exactly the commission that Yahshua had given them.

***Mat 10:5-6 Yahshua sent these twelve out, charging them, saying: Do not go into the way of the nations, and do not go into a Samaritan city. But rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.***

Let's now take a moment and look at the Apostle Paul. We have already shown that Paul did not go into the areas of northern Asia, or even northern Asia Minor, so that he would not overlap an area where one of the Apostles was already preaching to the lost tribes of Israel.

***Ro 15:20 And so eagerly striving to preach the gospel where Messiah was not named, so that I should not build on another's foundation,***

No, Paul went to Southern Asia Minor, and to the Greek-speaking areas around the Mediterranean Sea, as far as Rome, according to the word given to him by Yahshua. But were these the only regions that Paul went to? Let's take another look at Paul's commission in Acts 9.

***Act 9:15 And the Almighty said to him, Go, for this one (Paul) is a chosen vessel to Me, to bear My***

**Name before nations and kings and the sons of Israel.**

This was Paul's commission. He was to witness of Yahshua to the Nations, which most of the book of Acts shares with us. He was to go before kings. Acts the 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> chapters tell us of how Paul witnessed before Felix, and Festus and also King Agrippa. So powerful was Paul's testimony to King Agrippa that his answer to Paul was "**Almost thou persuade me to become a Christian**" (Acts 26:28).

We all know of Paul's great courage and boldness in his preaching, but what about the third part of Paul's commission, "*that he would witness to the sons of Israel?*"

Remember, there were three books in the New Testament which did not end with an Amen, so as to hide the identity of the lost Tribes of Israel. We have already gone over two of those books, the epistle of James, and the third epistle of John. What about the third book that has no Amen, the book of Acts? Very strangely, after telling a very detailed, graphic account of the early Congregation, Luke, the author of Acts, abruptly ends Acts almost in the midst of the story. Did you ever wonder what happened to Paul after Acts 28? There is a manuscript that many believe to be credible that continues the end of the story of Acts 29. It shares the rest of Paul's journey.

*Acts 29 And Paul, full of the blessings of Messiah, and abounding in spirit, departed from Rome, determining to go to Spain, for he had proposed to go there for a long time, and also from there to Britain. For he had heard in Phoenicia that some of the children of Israel, about the time of the Assyrian captivity, had escaped by sea to "the Isles afar off" as spoken by the prophet, and called by the Romans, Britain. And the Almighty commanded the gospel to be preached to all the nations of the gentiles, and to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And no man hindered Paul; for he testified boldly of Yahshua before the tribunes and among the people. He took with him certain brethren which were with him at Rome, and they boarded a ship at*

*Ostrium and having the winds fair were brought safely to a haven of Spain.*

*And many people were gathered together from the towns and villages, and the hill country; for they had heard of the conversion of the apostle, and his many miracles. And Paul preached mightily in Spain and great multitudes were converted, for they perceived that he was an apostle sent by Elohim.*

*And when leaving Spain, Paul and his company found a ship in Armorica, which was sailing to Britain, they sailed along the south coast until they reached a port called Raphinus. Now when it was known that the apostle had landed on their coast, great multitudes of the inhabitants met him, and they treated Paul courteously and he entered in at the east gate of their city, and stayed in the house of a Hebrew, one of his own nation. The next day he came to mount Lud and the people thronged the gate, and assembled in the Broadway, and he preached Messiah to them, and they believed the word and the testimony of Yahshua.”<sup>10</sup>*

What an interesting end to the story. Here we find out that Paul not only went to Spain, as he had earlier promised, but he also fulfilled his commission, just as Yahshua had said he would, to the lost sheep of the sons of Israel. Paul, after his release from Rome, went through Spain, and on to Britain, before coming back eventually to Rome, where he was beheaded by Nero in 64 AD.

So many roads lead Israel back to Britain. Even when you look at the word “*British*,” it is basically made from two Hebrew words. The first, “*Brit*,” means covenant, and the second, “*ish*,” means man. So even the very word “*British*” literally means “covenant men” in Hebrew. They are also Anglo-Saxons. Saxons, or Sax- sons, can also be the sons of I- Saac, as we have shown earlier in the book.

There are too many coincidences to be just happenstance. If one is honest with oneself and looks at



the evidence in a non-biased way, there is no way to get around the fact that the sons of Israel are not lost, but are scattered today throughout the whole inhabitable world, and are concentrated in Great Britain, Europe and America. The commission to the Apostles to seek out the lost sheep of Israel did not end 2,000 years ago, but is still going on today. The wonderful plan of our Heavenly Father in these end-times is to redeem and restore a people (Israel) back to Him, through His righteous Servant, Yahshua Messiah. You can also join in the plan of Yahweh, redeeming the sons of Israel back to Him today, by sharing these truths with Christians who have no idea of their Israelite heritage.

Let us now look at what Scripture says about the role of the Messiah in the end-times in restoring the Nation of Israel back to their land.

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## **Chapter 7 - The Re-Gathering and the Kinsman Redeemer**

Up to this point, we have seen that Yahweh made a covenant relationship with the seed of Abraham, and only the seed of Abraham, from all the names of people on the earth. We have seen the promises that have come with the blessing of that covenant relationship. We have also seen the rebellion of the nation of Israel against Yahweh's laws and the Diaspora or captivity that followed. Then we looked at the Messiah, Who was to come and redeem Israel back to the original covenant relationship. This process started with the death and resurrection of Yahshua of Nazareth with one tribe, Judah (His own tribe from the seed of David), and continues today as His true disciples go all throughout the world redeeming the sons of Israel back to our Heavenly Father, through a New Covenant that was not ratified with the blood of bulls and goats, but was ratified with the very blood of His only Son, Yahshua.

So what does this mean to us today? Absolutely everything! By understanding this knowledge of the plan of salvation through the covenant of Israel, it enables us to know exactly what our Heavenly Father is doing in the world today. It helps us to see world events and understand why they are happening, and most of all it helps us to see that the coming of our Master Yahshua is very near. It also helps us to understand why we still need to obey the eternal law of our Heavenly Father. Once we understand that that covenant was only made through the seed of Abraham, and that even today one of the Gentiles or Nations who comes to join the one covenant of Israel must do so by joining the one tree of Israel, it makes perfect sense why all believers, whether Israelite born or grafted in gentiles, would have to obey the same covenant laws of the Torah.

***Rom 11:11 I say, then, Did not they stumble that they fall? Let it not be! But by their slipping away came salvation to the nations, to provoke them to jealousy.***

***Rom 11:12-24 But if their slipping away is the riches of the world, and their default the riches of the nations, how much more their fullness? For I speak to you, the nations, since I am an apostle of the nations, (I glorify my ministry), if somehow I may provoke to jealousy my flesh, and may save some of them. For if their casting away is the reconciliation of the world, what is the reception, except life from the dead? Now if the firstfruit is holy, so also the lump. And if the root is holy, so also the branches. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree were grafted in among them, and became a sharer of the root and the fatness of the olive tree, do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, it is not you that bears the root, but the root bears you. You will say then, The branches were broken off that I might be grafted in. Well! For unbelief they were broken off. And you stand by faith. Do not be highminded, but fear. For if Yahweh did not spare the natural branches, fear that it may be He will not spare you either. Behold, then, the kindness and severity of Yahweh: On those having fallen, severity. But on you, kindness, if you continue in the kindness. Otherwise, you will also be cut off. And those also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in. For Yahweh is able to graft them in again. For if you were cut out of the natural wild olive tree, and against nature were grafted into a good olive tree, how much more these being according to nature will be grafted into their own olive tree?***

This Scripture in Romans is very interesting for two reasons. First of all, it dogmatically proves the point of this book, about the one-Israel principle. If you read Romans chapter 9-11, who can argue the point that a Gentile, when he becomes a believer in Yahshua, joins the one tree of Israel? That Yahweh does NOT somehow become a pagan Elohim, but that the new believer of the Nations is grafted into the one tree of Israel and becomes

a seed of Abraham through the Messiah? Now, he is no different than a home-born Israelite. He has the same promises, he is under the same covenant relationship, and he also must keep the same rules and laws as the home-born Israelite under the covenant agreement.

***Num 15:15-16- As for the congregation, there shall be one statute both for you and for the stranger that lives with you, a never ending statute throughout your generations; as you are, so shall the alien be before Yahweh. There shall be one law and one ordinance both for you and for the stranger that lives with you.***

Yahweh is not a respecter of persons. He will not honor a native Israelite more than a grafted-in gentile simply because of his lineage.

***Eph 2:19 So, then, you are no longer strangers and tenants, but you are fellow citizens of the saints and of the family of Yahweh,***

I cannot stress this point enough, about both Israelite and gentiles being required, under the terms of the covenant, to keep the laws of Yahweh to the best of our ability. We do not keep the law *to be saved*, as the blood of Yahshua already has achieved that, but we keep the law because *we are saved*. Remember, a whole Nation of Israel went into captivity for this very thing. They served other “gods” and they broke Yahweh’s commandments and covenant.

Secondly, and just as important, this Scripture shows that Yahweh has not cast away Israel forever and that they can be grafted back into their own tree. Let us look now and see the Bible come alive as we put together all the Scriptures about Yahweh calling back the children of Israel in the end of days.

In the book of Hosea, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter, we see that Yahweh told Hosea to marry a prostitute, whom represented Israel, and to call his children “*Elohim will sow*,” “*No mercy*,” and “*Not my people*,” This seems pretty

definitive. At first glance it would appear that Yahweh has completely cast away Israel, but that is thinking from a human standpoint. Yahweh is so faithful, that even when we are unfaithful, He continues to be faithful, as it is His nature.

***2Ti 2:11-13 Faithful is the Word: for if we died with Him, we also shall live with Him; if we endure, we shall also reign with Him; if we deny Him, that One will deny us; if we are unfaithful, that One remains faithful; He is not able to deny Himself.***

Even when we falter He remains faithful, as He cannot deny Himself. What does this mean? How could He deny himself, if He turned away Israel for breaking covenant with Him? The answer is very simple. A covenant is an agreement by two parties. At first glance, many believe the parties were Yahweh and Abraham. But were these the two parties of the Everlasting covenant agreement?

***Gen 12:3b And in you all families of the earth shall be blessed.***

The promise to Abraham was that through his “seed” all the earth would be blessed; not through Abraham himself. And who was this seed?

***Gal 3:16 But the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his Seed (it does not say, And to seeds, as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," which is Messiah)***

Do you remember the third step of the blood covenant ceremony? It is the actual cutting of the animal, shedding the blood and walking in a figure eight through the pieces and ending up face to face with your covenant partner. This is the most important step of the blood covenant, because without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins.

***Lev 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar, to atone for your souls; for it is the blood which makes atonement for the soul.***

Jewish people have a very hard time today with this verse. They know that there is no atonement without the shedding of blood. Yahweh made this clear in the Garden of Eden, by being the first High Priest and killing the animal to clothe Adam and Eve. Jewish people have been desperately trying to rebuild a Temple for the slaying of animals for nearly 2,000 years, for this very reason.

Now if we go back to the covenant agreement between Abraham and Yahweh, we see something very interesting in this most vital 3<sup>rd</sup> step of the blood covenant.

***Gen 15:9-10 And He said to him, Take for Me a heifer three years old, and a she-goat three years old, and a ram three years old, and a turtledove, even a nestling. And he took all these for Him, and he divided them in the middle; and he laid each piece against one another, but he did not divide the bird.***

***Gen 15:12 And it happened, the sun was going, and a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, a terror of great darkness was falling on him!***

***Gen 15:17 And it happened, the sun had gone down, and it was dark. Behold! A smoking furnace and a torch of fire that passed between those pieces!***

***Gen 15:18 On that day Yahweh made a covenant with Abram, saying, I have given this land to your seed, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,***

Did you catch the point made in verse 17? Abraham never walked between the pieces of the dead animal. It was a smoking furnace and a torch of fire that walked between those pieces! The promise to Abraham was not that the Everlasting covenant was to be made by him, but

because of his faithfulness, it was to be made with his seed (Messiah). As faithful as Abraham was, he was not perfect. We are all humans, and we are all sinners. Only the perfect Son of Yahweh could truly qualify to be the perfect sin offering, without spot or blemish, to redeem Israel, the seed of Abraham, from the death penalty set to them for breaking covenant with Yahweh.

***Heb 6:13 For Elohim having made promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater to swear by, "He swore by Himself,"***

***Heb 6:17 In which way, desiring to more fully declare to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His counsel, Elohim interposed by an oath,***

***Heb 6:18 that through two unchangeable things, in which it was not possible for Elohim to lie, we might have a strong consolation, those having fled to lay hold on the hope set before us,***

***Heb 6:19 which we have as an anchor of the soul, both certain and sure, and entering into the inner side of the veil,***

***Heb 6:20 where Yahshua entered as forerunner for us, having become a High Priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.***

Abraham never sealed the covenant with Yahweh; only the promise of sealing it later by the blood of Yahshua was made. Yahweh (*torch of fire*) made covenant with Yahshua (*smoking furnace*), the future Seed of Abraham. It is important for us to grasp this point. Mankind, even in his best form, is a weak sinner in need of redemption. There is no human who is good, there is none who truly seeks Yahweh. Any good that comes from us is only a reflection of His spirit and His light that is shining within us. No man that ever lived, except Yahshua, the very Son of Yahweh, could qualify to seal the everlasting covenant.

***Isa 59:15-16 And the truth is lacking; and whoever turns from evil makes himself a prey. And Yahweh***

***saw; and it was evil in His eyes, that there was no justice. And He saw that there was no man, and He was astonished that there was no intercessor. And His own arm saved for Him; and His righteousness sustained Him.***

The two things that are spoken of in Hebrews 6, where it is impossible for Yahweh to lie, is the *promise* by the Father, and the *confirmation* by the Son. No man who ever lived had the authority to make the promise, and no man that ever lived had the faith to make the confirmation. Because of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice everything he had for a relationship with Yahweh, including his only son Isaac, Yahweh blessed him with the true covenant partner, Yahshua, coming through his lineage. Now remember, once you are in covenant with someone, that covenant is extended to all family members of the covenant partner. So all family members of Abraham would also be covenant partners. This is why a gentile becomes a seed of Abraham at conversion, for there is only a covenant relationship with the seed of Abraham. This is also why a Messiah had to come to the seed of Abraham called Israel, to redeem them from the broken covenant they entered with Yahweh at Sinai. Let's look at that covenant agreement for a moment.

***Exo 24:3 And Moses came and told all the words of Yahweh to the people, and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, We will do all the Words which Yahweh has spoken.***

***Exo 24:6-8 And Moses took half of the blood, and he put it in basins. And he sprinkled half of the blood on the altar. And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the ears of the people. And they said, We will do all that Yahweh has spoken, and we will hear. And Moses took the blood and sprinkled on the people, and said, Behold, the blood of the covenant which Yahweh has cut with you concerning these words.***



Yahweh made a covenant agreement with the sons of Israel at Mount Sinai. Yahweh said He would bless Israel, and Israel agreed to obey all the words of the Torah, to do them, something that was impossible for them to do. Yahweh knew that Israel could not obey His law, and pleaded with them in the book of Joshua the twenty-fourth chapter, not to enter this covenant.

***Jos 24:15 And if it seems evil in your eyes to serve Yahweh, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve, whether the gods whom your fathers served Beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living. But as for me and my house, we will serve Yahweh.***

***Jos 24:16 And the people replied and said, Far be it from us to forsake Yahweh, to serve other gods.***

***Jos 24:17 For Yahweh our Elohim is He who has brought us and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves, and who has done these great signs before our eyes, and has preserved us in all the way in which we have gone, and among all the people through whom we have passed.***

***Jos 24:18 And Yahweh has cast out all the peoples, even the Amorite inhabiting the land before us. We also will serve Yahweh, for He is our Elohim.***

***Jos 24:19 And Joshua said to the people, You cannot serve Yahweh, for He is a holy Elohim; He is a jealous Elohim. He will not lift up from you your transgressions or your sins.***

***Jos 24:20 When you forsake Yahweh, and shall serve strange gods, then He will turn away and do evil to you, and consume you, after He has done good to you.***

***Jos 24:21 And the people said to Joshua, No, but we will serve Yahweh.***

***Jos 24:22 And Joshua said to the people, You are witnesses against yourselves, that you have***

*chosen Yahweh for yourselves, to serve Him (for they said, We are witnesses).*

***Jos 24:23 And now turn away from the strange gods among you, and incline your heart to Yahweh the Elohim of Israel.***

***Jos 24:24 And the people said to Joshua, We will serve Yahweh our Elohim, and we will listen to His voice.***

***Jos 24:25 And Joshua made a covenant with the people on that day, and laid on them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.***

***Jos 24:26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the Law of Elohim, and took a great stone and raised it up there under the oak by the sanctuary of Yahweh.***

***Jos 24:27 And Joshua said to all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the sayings of Yahweh which He has spoken with us. And it shall be against you for a witness, that you not lie against your Elohim.***

So we see that Yahweh warned the people not to enter covenant with Him, because He knew they could not keep it. If they even broke one law, it meant the death penalty under the agreement they were entering.

***Deut 27:26 Cursed be he that does not confirm all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.***

Then Yahshua came to earth to magnify the law and show us that sin starts in the mind; that if I even think anger, I have already killed my brother; if I even think lust, I have already committed adultery; so that no man can stand justified before Yahweh by works of law. Every man that ever lived has a death penalty hanging over his head. The only difference is that Yahweh can show more mercy to the gentile nations on judgment day because they never entered covenant with Him. With Israel, He can't. He must keep His word, and punishment must be

rendered for covenant breaking. The only way to have the penalty blotted out for the sins of the Sinai covenant is to accept Yahshua as your Messiah; to believe that He became a curse, to save you from the curse that law-breaking brings.

***Gal 3:10 For as many as are out of works of Law, these are under a curse. For it has been written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all the things having been written in the book of the Law, to do them." Deut. 27:26***

***Gal 3:13 Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us; for it has been written, "Cursed is everyone having been hung on a tree;"***

Let's look again what Yahweh said to the nation of Israel when they broke His covenant.

***Jer 34:18 And I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not stood on the words of the covenant which they have cut with Me when they cut the calf in two, and passed between its parts,***

***Jer 34:19 the rulers of Judah and the rulers of Jerusalem, the eunuchs and the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf;***

Did you catch that? Unlike Abraham, who never walked through the pieces, Israel did do the 3<sup>rd</sup> step of the blood covenant and sealed their own fate. Abraham, by allowing Yahshua to take His place and walk through the pieces with Yahweh, never entered the judgment that comes by breaking covenant with the Almighty. Israel, on the other hand, in their zeal to receive the blessings of the covenant, walked through the pieces, and entered a covenant agreement that was impossible for them to keep.

This is why the Sinai covenant is called a covenant of death in 2Cor 3:9.

**2Co 3:9 For if the ministry of condemnation was glory, much rather the ministry of righteousness abounds in glory.**

Many people wrongly assume today that 2Corinthians 3 is speaking about the law of Yahweh being done away with. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is talking about the Sinai Covenant being a covenant of death, because there is no provision in that covenant for sins being forgiven. Furthermore, the only reason it became a covenant of death was because of their law-breaking. If they had never broken the law and sinned, they would have only received blessings. Yahshua qualified, as the perfect sacrifice and guilt offering, only because He never sinned. Isaiah 42:21 states:

**Isa 42:21 Yahweh is delighted for His righteousness' sake; He will magnify the Law and make it honorable.**

This is exactly what Yahshua did. He did not make the law honorable by sinning, but by keeping it perfectly.

Israel was not just the only nation on earth with which Yahweh entered covenant, but they were the only nation on earth who broke His covenant and had a death penalty hanging over their heads. That is why the Messiah had to come to Israel, and only Israel. The law or Torah (which is perfect) is merely a protective measure under the covenant agreement to protect the covenant partner. It merely teaches the covenant partner right from wrong. When we purposely disobey the Torah, then in essence we are telling Yahweh, our covenant Partner, that we know more than He does. We are not exhibiting faith in His perfect sense of creation, to see that everything He laid down in the Torah was only for our good.

**Deu 10:12-13- And now, Israel, what has Yahweh your Elohim asked of you, except to fear Yahweh your Elohim, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve Yahweh your Elohim with all**

***your heart, and with all your soul; to keep the commandments of Yahweh, and His statutes which I am commanding you today, for your good.***

Do you believe this? Do you believe that everything Yahweh said in His law is for your good? If so, then why on earth would it be done away with? It is totally illogical.

Don't be deceived by the false clergy of today, peddling easy answers only to keep you quiet in a chair, coming back every week and giving them your money.

Not only was there no forgiveness of sins in the Sinai Covenant, but originally, when they made the covenant with Yahweh, there was not even anything mentioned concerning animal sacrifices. Even that came later.

***Jer 7:22 For I did not speak to your fathers, nor command them in the day that I brought them out from the land of Egypt, concerning matters of burnt offerings and sacrifices.***

***Jer 7:23 But I commanded them this thing, saying, Obey My voice, and I will be your Elohim, and you shall be My people. Also, Walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, so that it may be well with you.***

The sacrificial system was not part of the original law of Yahweh, but was only added when sin or transgression came in.

***Gal 3:19a Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions,***

The only law added by our heavenly Father was the sacrificial law, due to sin, to remind them that they were in need of a Redeemer. That is why Yahshua Messiah came to earth, to save sinners who have broken Yahweh's covenant agreement. This brings us back to Hosea the first chapter and Yahweh telling Hosea to name his children "*Elohim will sow,*" "*No mercy,*" and "*not My people.*" Now let us go down just a few verses, and let us

see the redemption that comes through our covenant partner, Yahshua Messiah.

***Hos 1:7 And I will have mercy on the house of Judah and will save them by Yahweh their Elohim. And I will not save them by bow or by sword, or by battle, by horses, or by horsemen.***

***Hos 1:10 Yet the number of the sons of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which is not measured nor numbered. And it shall be, in the place where it is said to them, You are not My people, it shall be said to them, Sons of the Living Elohim.***

***Hos 1:11 And the sons of Judah and the sons of Israel shall be gathered together, and shall set over themselves one Head. And they shall go up out of the land; for great shall be the day of Jezreel.***

How great is Yahweh's faithfulness! He did not cast away his covenant partner, Israel, but as we have seen in Romans the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter, He merely dispersed Him among the nations so that salvation might be available to all.

We have discussed in length how both Judah and Israel were sent into Diaspora due to their rebellion and sin, and that Scripture literally says that the land actually spewed them out. Did you know that Scripture actually tells us the exact amount of years that Israel would not be living in the land of Israel?

***Lev 26:18 And if after these things you will not listen to Me, then I will chastise you seven times more for your sin;***

***Lev 26:21 And if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to listen to Me, then I will bring seven times more plagues on you according to your sins,***

***Lev 26:24 then I, I also, shall walk contrary to you, and shall smite you, even I, seven times more for your sins;***

We see four different times Yahweh says he will punish Israel 7 times for their sins. This word in the Hebrew seems to indicate an intensity and duration to the punishment. The Babylonians first started to invade Israel in 605BC, and had several sieges until the destroying of the Temple in 586BC. They then left a remnant in the land until they fled with Jeremiah down to Egypt in 572BC,. In numbers the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter, it outlines in prophecy the year-for-a-day principle.

***Num 14:34 by the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, a day for a year, a day for a year; you shall bear your iniquities forty years; you shall know My alienation from you.***

So if we take a prophetic year, which is 360 days (there were 12 30-day months before the flood) and multiply it by 7 (duration of punishment), we come up with 2,520 years. This is the exact time of Israel's punishment away from the land of Israel. If we add the 2,520 years of punishment to the time that Israel was completely removed from the land in 572BC, we come up with exactly 1948, the year that modern Israel became a nation. How astounding is that? What great proof that our Heavenly Father has not cast away his servant Jacob! Let's look at some prophecies concerning Israel coming back to their land in the end-times.

***Amo 9:14-15- And I will bring back the captivity of My people Israel. And they shall build the waste cities, and live in them. And they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine of them. They shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be pulled up out of their land which I have given to them, says Yahweh your Elohim.***

First of all, notice that this prophecy is to the whole house of Israel, not only to Judah or the Jews. Also notice that, although Judah did enter the land of Israel in 1948,

the lost tribes of Israel have not come back to the land of Israel as of yet.

If we look at the time of duration for the lost tribes it is a little different than for their brother Judah.

***Eze 4:4 And you, lie down on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel on it. The number of the days that you shall lie down on it, you shall bear their iniquity.***

***Eze 4:5 For I have laid on you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of days: three hundred and ninety days. And you shall bear the house of Israel's iniquity.***

***Eze 4:6 And when you complete them, even lie on your right side, the second. And you shall bear the house of Judah's iniquity forty days; a day for a year. I have set it for you, a day for a year.***

The House of Israel was told to bear their iniquity 390 days, a day for a year. If you take the 390 and multiply it by seven as lined out in Leviticus 26, you will come up with 2,730 years. From the time of the Assyrian captivity in 723-722 BC, adding the 2,730 years gives you the year 2007-2008 for the Northern Tribes captivity to end, and to be allowed once again to start to enter the land of Israel. Then Judah is told to add another 40 years after their initial 2,520 years. Remember, when Judah entered Israel in 1948, they controlled the land of the Northern tribes, not their own land. They did not take possession of the land of Judah and Jerusalem until the Six Day War in 1967. So we would add forty years to 1967. Judah has already fulfilled their seven times duration punishment, so there would be no need to multiply the last 40 by seven. Amazingly enough, both land captivities would end in the year 2007-2008. This could be a very big year for the Nation of Israel. It could very well be the beginning of a great migration back to the land of Israel by all twelve tribes.

Let me also interject that there will be a great cleansing in the land before the Messiah returns and peace comes to Israel. Do not be fooled by the false peace plans of men,



under the United Nations, which only takes away the land of Israel and does not fulfill the Father's will.

The problem for Judah today is that they must recognize that they are but one of 12 brothers, and they must be ready to enlarge their tents to allow their fellow covenant partners back home to the land of Israel; otherwise, they will face serious consequences from our Heavenly Father.

***Isa 54:2 Make the place of your tent larger, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings. Do not spare, lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.***

Judah must accept their brother Ephraim with open arms. As of today this is not happening.

***Isa 63:16-17- For You are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; You, Yahweh, are our Father, our Redeemer; Your Name is from everlasting. O Yahweh, why do You make us wander from Your ways? You harden our heart from Your fear. For Your servants' sake, return the tribes of Your inheritance.***

This is the cry of Ephraim today. They see their brother Judah back in the land of our inheritance. We see Judah also struggling with the Arab nations around them. Ephraim today is like the prodigal Son, only wanting to come home to his family, being beaten down in humility after thousands of years of captivity. Coming out of the paganism of our forefathers in Diaspora, Ephraim simply is a wanderer among the Nations, looking once again to come home to the land of Israel.

***Hos 9:16-17 Ephraim is stricken; their root is dried up; they shall bear no fruit. Yea, though they bear, yet I will kill the beloved ones of their womb. My Elohim shall reject them because they did not listen to Him; and they shall be wanderers among the nations.***

This is Ephraim today, patiently waiting for the prophecies of Scripture to be fulfilled and, like their brother Judah, to be planted once again on their land on the mountains of Samaria.

***Jer 31:1-10 At that time, says Yahweh, I will be the Elohim of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people. So says Yahweh, Israel, the people, the survivors of the sword, have found grace in the wilderness, I will go to give rest to him. Yahweh has appeared to me from far away, saying, Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love! On account of this, with loving kindness I have drawn you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built again, O virgin of Israel. You will again put on your tambourines and go forth in the dance of those making merry. You shall yet plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria, the planters shall plant and shall treat them as common.***

***For there shall be a day when the watchmen on Ephraim's hills shall call out, Arise and let us go up to Zion, to Yahweh our Elohim. For so says Yahweh, Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the head of the nations. Cry out, give praise and say, O Yahweh, save Your people, the remnant of Israel. Behold! I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the recesses of the earth. Among them the blind, and the lame, the pregnant one, and the travailing one together, a great company shall return here. They shall come with weeping, and I will lead them with prayers. I will cause them to walk by rivers of waters, in a right way; they will not stumble in it. For I am a Father to Israel, and Ephraim is My first-born. Hear the Word of Yahweh, O nations, and declare in the coastlands far away, and say, He who scattered Israel will gather him and keep him, as a shepherd his flock.***

It is undeniable to see that this prophecy is for the end of days and into the millennium. It is also undeniable to see that at this time, a time still in the future, Yahweh is redeeming not only the House of Judah, but also the House of Ephraim or Israel. Let's look at another prophecy in Ezekiel the 36<sup>th</sup> chapter.

***Ezek 36:6 So prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, So says the Almighty Yahweh: Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations.***

***Eze 36:9-12 For behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. And I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, all of it. And the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be built. And I will multiply men on you, and beast, and they will increase and be fruitful. And I will make you dwell as you formerly were, and I will do better than at your beginnings. And you shall know that I am Yahweh. Yea, I will cause men to walk on you, My people Israel; and they shall possess you, and you will be an inheritance to them and will not any more increase their bereavement.***

***Eze 36:16-28 And the Word of Yahweh was to me, saying, Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt on their land, they even defiled it by their ways and by their doings. As the defilement of woman's impurity, their way was before Me. So I poured out My fury on them, because of the blood that they had poured out on the land, and for their idols by which they defiled it. And I scattered them among the nations, and they were sown among the lands; I judged them by their way and by their doings. And when they entered into the nations, there where they went, they even profaned My holy Name, by saying to them, These***

*are the people of Yahweh, and they are gone out of His land. But I had pity for My holy Name which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations, there where they went. Therefore, say to the house of Israel, So says the Almighty Yahweh: I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but only for My holy Name which you profaned among the nations, there where you went. And I will sanctify My great Name which was profaned among the nations, which you profaned among them. And the nations shall know that I am Yahweh, declares the Almighty Yahweh, when I am sanctified in you in their eyes. For I will take you from the nations and gather you out of all the lands and bring you into your land.*

*Then I will sprinkle clean waters on you, and you shall be clean. I will cleanse you from all your defilement and from all your idols. And I will also give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give to you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall keep My judgments and do them. And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers. And you shall be a people to Me, and I will be Elohim to you.*

**Eze 36:33-38** *So says the Almighty Yahweh: In the day I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the wastes shall be built. And the desolated land shall be cultivated, rather than being a ruin in the eyes of all passing by. And they shall say, this land that was desolated has become like the Garden of Eden. And the wasted and desolated and razed cities are fortified and inhabited. And the nations left all around you shall know that I, Yahweh, built the razed places and planted that which was desolated. I, Yahweh have spoken it and will do it. So says the Almighty Yahweh: Yet for this I will be*

***sought by the house of Israel, to work for them. I will increase them with men like a flock. Like a holy flock, like the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so the wasted cities shall be filled with flocks of men.***

We are living in the most fantastic time the world has ever seen. We are living in a time when we will see Yahweh do larger miracles than the Red Sea crossing, in bringing the sons of Israel back to their land.

***Jer 16:14-16 So, behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that it shall no more be said, As Yahweh lives who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt. But rather, As Yahweh lives who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands, there where He had driven them. And I will bring them again into their land that I gave to their fathers. Behold, I will send for many fishermen, says Yahweh. And they shall fish them. And after this I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt them, from every mountain and from every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks.***

After over 2700 hundred years, Yahweh is in the process of bringing the sons of Israel back to their land. He is in the process of fulfilling His promise to Abraham almost 3,800 years ago, to give his descendants all the land of Israel, which formally was the land of Canaan. We are going to see things in this generation which the prophet Habakuk tells us “*we would not believe it, even if it were told to us.*” We are literally seeing before our eyes the fulfilling of the New Covenant. Isn't it also profound that Yahweh says He will gather Israel from the land of the north, the very land into which we've seen that they went captive?

What a shocking and awesome truth it is, to find out that true believers of Yahshua are the literal descendants of the lost tribes of Israel. The historical evidence is shocking and overwhelming, but the spiritual evidence

can only bring us to tears. To see that the 12 tribes of Israel have been scattered all over the earth, from Red China, to Russia, India, Asia, and clustered in the area of Europe, and North America. Then to see that, through the New Covenant, Yahshua is calling back to Himself, one by one, the sons of Jacob. We are saved by grace; nothing we could do could have redeemed us back to Yahweh. Our forefathers from all 12 tribes were given to idolatry, and we are their offspring. We would still be steeped in pagan customs from modern Christianity if we had not been freed from these traps by our Savior Himself. It is awesome to see so many coming out of the worthless pagan traditions of men and coming to the truth of Scripture by the spirit of Yahweh.

***Jer 16:19 O Yahweh, my strength and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the nations shall come to You from the ends of the earth and say, Our fathers have inherited only lies, vanity, and there is no profit in them.***

This is exactly what we are seeing today, thousands upon thousands of Israelites from the House of Joseph coming to the truth of their heritage, and leaving the worthless pagan traditions behind. Romans 11:28, the second half, tells us that concerning election, Israel is beloved for the Father's sake. Romans 8:28 states:

***Rom 8:28 But we know that to the ones loving Yahweh, all things work together for good, to those being called according to purpose;***

It is interesting to note that the word for *purpose* in verse 28 is the Greek word for the showbread of presence from the temple. Remember that there were 12 loaves of showbread at all times to represent the 12 tribes of Israel in the temple. So this verse is saying that the ones who are predestined are the 12 tribes of Israel. How wonderful are the ways of Yahweh!

It is also vitally important to understand this subject, to be able to understand world events as we see them

today. There has been war and fighting in the land of Israel since they have become a Nation in 1948. Most people in the world have a distorted viewpoint of what's going on in the Middle East, because of the lies of the United Nations through the media channels. Most people feel that the poor Palestinians are losing their land to the mighty Israeli army. As we have proven in this book, nothing could be further from the truth. The land of Israel has always been a promised land to Abraham and to his seed through Isaac, not Ishmael. Isaac was the seed promised through which the Messiah would come. Even though Israel was sent into captivity for several thousand years, the land still belonged as a covenant promise to them. The Arab nations around Israel have planned to take Israel's land for themselves, but this will not work.

***Eze 36:2-5 So says the Almighty Yahweh: Because the enemy has spoken against you, saying, Aha! Everlasting heights have become a possession to us. So prophesy and say, So says the Almighty Yahweh: Because, yea, because of the wasting and crushing of you from all around, that you might be a possession to the rest of the nations, and you ascended on the lip of the tongue, and the whispering of the people.***

***Therefore, mountains of Israel, hear the Word of the Almighty Yahweh: So says the Almighty Yahweh to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, to the wastes of desolation, and to the forsaken cities which became a prey and a mocking to the rest of the nations all around. So the Almighty Yahweh says this: Surely I have spoken in the fire of My jealousy against the rest of the nations, and against Edom, all those of her who have given My land to themselves for a possession with all joy of heart, with scorning of soul, in order to make it open land for a prey.***

Yahweh is going to punish the nations who try to take away the land of Israel.

***Jer 12:14a So says Yahweh against all My evil neighbors who touch the inheritance which I have caused My people Israel to inherit: Behold, I will tear them from their land,***

In the end time, Yahweh is going to fight for His covenant partner as in the days of old.

***Zec 14:3 And Yahweh shall go out and fight against those nations, like the day He fought in the day of battle.***

The main reason that the wrath of Yahweh is going to come on all the earth is that the nations have divided the land of Israel and have given Yahweh's covenant land away to others.

***Joel 3:2 For, behold, in those days and in that time, when I bring again the exiles of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there, for My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they parted My land.***

The nations of the earth have no legal right to the land of Israel. It is a land that belongs to Yahweh!

***Lev 25:23 And the land shall not be sold in perpetuity; for the land is Mine; for you are aliens and tenants with Me.***

Sometimes I believe that people just don't think that Yahweh is real. They don't understand that when He says something, He does not change. Here we are 2,700 years later, and we will see Yahweh fulfill His promise to Abraham, and one can only pity the nation or people that would try to get in His way.



Some in recent times, in their zeal to see prophecy fulfilled, have been proclaiming that the re-gathering of Ephraim is already happening. I can tell you dogmatically that this is not the case. Though we are on the verge of seeing this happen, and our generation will witness this unbelievable event with our eyes, it has not happened yet in its fullness. I have met some Ephraimites who are currently living in the land of Israel, but this is not the re-gathering. They are merely spying out the land as our forefathers did in Numbers 13, when Israel was about to enter the Promised Land the first time. What we see from Scripture is that the 12 tribes of Israel can only receive their land back in a jubilee year.

***Lev 25:8-13 And you shall number to yourself seven Sabbaths of years, seven years times seven, and all the days of the seven Sabbaths of years shall be to you forty nine years. And you shall let a ram's horn resound, a signal in the seventh month, in the tenth of the month; in the day of atonement, let a ram's horn pass throughout all your land; and you shall make the fiftieth year holy, one year. And you shall proclaim liberty in the land to those living in it; it shall be a jubilee to you. And you shall return every man to his possession; yea, you shall turn back each to his family. It is a jubilee, the fiftieth year; it is a year to you. You shall not sow, nor reap that which grows of itself, nor gather from its unkept vines; for it is a jubilee, it is holy to you; you shall eat its increase out of the field. In the year of jubilee you shall return each one to his possession.***

***Lev 25:18-19 And you shall do My statutes, and you shall keep my judgments and shall do them; and you shall live on the land securely. And the land shall give its fruit, and you shall eat to satisfaction; and you shall dwell securely on it.***

**Lev 25:23-28** And the land shall not be sold in perpetuity; for the land is Mine; for you are aliens and tenants with Me. And you shall grant a redemption for the land in all the land of your possession. If your brother has become poor and has sold his property, then his KINSMAN REDEEMER shall come, and he shall redeem the thing sold by his brother. But a man, when there is not one to redeem him, and his own hand has reached out, and he has enough for its redemption, then he shall count the years since its sale, and shall give back the surplus to the man to whom he sold; and he shall return to his possession. And if his hand has not found enough to give back to him, then the thing he sold shall be in the hand of him who buys it until the year of jubilee. And it shall go out in the jubilee, and he shall return to his possession.

**Lev 25:47-55** And if an alien or a tenant lifts up a hand with you, and your brother grows poor with him, and he sells himself to an alien, a tenant with you, or to the offshoot of the family of an alien, after he has been sold, there is a redemption to him; one of his brothers may redeem him, or his uncle, or a son of his uncle, may redeem him, or any of his fleshly relations of his family may redeem him. Or, if his own hand has reached out to gain, then he may be redeemed. And he shall count with his buyer from the year of his being sold to him until the year of jubilee, and the silver of his sale shall be by the number of years. As the days of a hireling, it shall be with him. If there are yet many years, by mouth he shall give back his redemption, from the silver of his purchase. And if few are left of the years till the year of jubilee, then he shall count with him according to his years he shall give back his redemption price. As a hireling, year by year, he shall be with him, and he shall not rule him with severity before your eyes. And if he is not

***redeemed in this way, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, he and his sons with him. For the sons of Israel are servants to Me; they are My servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt; I am Yahweh your Elohim.***

So only in a jubilee can the tribes receive their land back, and only can the “**Kinsman Redeemer**” qualify to give back the proper portions to each tribe for his inheritance. The Kinsman Redeemer was the only one who had the legal right, according to Yahweh’s Word, to give back the proper portion of land to one who lost it sometime before the Jubilee period.

Jubilees have not been kept in Israel for thousands of years. Even in the days of Yahshua, Israel had already lost the timing of the true jubilee year. Also, Ephraim has been lost in Diaspora for over 2,700 years. They have lived among gentiles and lost their identity. They no longer have legal genealogies that could prove their legal lineage back to Abraham. That is why in this end-time, our Heavenly Father is working through His spirit, and not through human might. Our true Kinsman Redeemer, Yahshua of Nazareth, is calling back the seed of Israel, one by one, to Himself. Only He could qualify to be the one and only true Kinsman Redeemer. Only He knows the very number of hairs on our head, and who He is calling according to election, to fulfill His covenant promise to the literal seed of Abraham. Yahweh did this on purpose so that we would put our boast in Him and not in sinful flesh, so that at the resurrection we would put our claim to eternal life based on the shed blood of the Son of Yahweh, and not in the human flesh. But at the same time, Yahweh can resurrect Abraham and show him that we are his seed (literal and spiritual) and that He did keep his promise to Abraham.

Only in a jubilee year can there be freedom to captives, and people being given back their land, and only can it come from the Kinsman Redeemer, and this is exactly what Yahshua came to proclaim almost 2,000 years ago.

***Isa 61:1-2a The Spirit of the Almighty Yahweh is on Me, because Yahweh has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the meek. He has sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and complete opening to the bound ones; to proclaim the acceptable year of Yahweh***

This is the very first sermon that Yahshua preached in the synagogue in Nazareth when He started His ministry. He was proclaiming that He was the **Kinsman Redeemer** and that He was coming to restore Israel.

The book of Ruth is a beautiful story illustrating the story of Yahshua as the Kinsman Redeemer, coming to redeem His people Israel.

***Rth 3:6-13 And she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law commanded her. And Boaz ate and drank, and his heart felt good. And he went to lie down at the end of the heap. And she came secretly and uncovered his feet, and lay down. And it happened in the middle of the night that the man trembled and turned himself. And, behold, a woman was lying at his feet! And he said, Who are you? And she said, I am your handmaid Ruth, and you shall spread your skirt over your handmaid, for you are a kinsman redeemer. And he said, Blessed be you of Yahweh, my daughter. You have dealt more kindly at the latter end than at the beginning, not to go after the young men, either poor or rich. And now, my daughter, do not fear. All that you say I will do to you, for all the gate of my people know that you are a woman of virtue. And now, surely it is true that I am a kinsman redeemer. But there also is a redeemer nearer than I. Stay tonight, and it shall be in the morning, if he will redeem you, well; he will redeem. And if he does not delight to redeem you, as Yahweh lives, then I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning.***

Naomi was an Israelite, and had two sons, Mahlon (sickness) and Chilion (weakness); one of these took Ruth, a Moabite Gentile, for a wife. They lived in the land of Moab (a form of Diaspora), then both sons died, and Naomi, the mother-in-law of Ruth, wanted to go back to her homeland of Israel. Ruth desperately wanted to stay with Naomi and be joined to her.

***Rth 1:16 And Ruth said, Do not entreat me to leave you, to turn back from following you. For where you go, I will go. And where you stay, I will stay. Your people shall be my people, and your Elohim my Elohim.***

Ruth is characteristic of Ephraim becoming a part of the nations, and in the end-time desperately wanting to once again be a part of the House of Israel. So Ruth came back to the land of Israel with Naomi, but they had no more inheritance; in essence, they were like Ephraim, “*a wanderer among the nation.*” So Naomi told Ruth to go and sleep at the feet of Boaz (type of Messiah), a kinsman redeemer. Remember how Mary broke the bottle of perfume and wiped the feet of Yahshua with her hair? Boaz had mercy on Ruth, the same way Yahshua has mercy on the lost sheep of Israel today, and told her they would go to the city gate (legal place of transacting business) and legalize the transaction the next day. Let’s continue with the story.

***Rth 4:1-10 And Boaz went up to the gate and sat there. And, behold, the near kinsman of whom Boaz had spoken was passing by. And he said, Such a one, turn aside, sit down. And he turned aside and sat down. And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit down here. And they sat down. And he said to the near kinsman, Naomi, who has returned from the fields of Moab, will sell a portion of the field which belonged to our brother, to Elimelech. And I said I would uncover your ear, saying, Buy it before those sitting, and before the elders of my people. If you***

***will redeem, redeem. But if you will not redeem, tell me so that I may know. For there is no one besides you to redeem, and I after you. And he said, I will redeem it. And Boaz said, In the day you buy the field from Naomi's hand, even you have bought from Ruth of Moab, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of him who died over his inheritance. And the near kinsman said, I am not able to redeem for myself, that I not mar my own inheritance. You redeem for yourself my right of redemption, for I am not able to redeem. And this formerly was done in Israel for redemption, and for changing, to lift up every matter. A man would draw off his sandal and gave to his neighbor. And this was the attestation in Israel. And the near kinsman said to Boaz, Buy for yourself, and drew off his sandal. And Boaz said to the elders, and all the people, You are witnesses today that I have bought all that belonged to Elimelech, and all that was to Chilion and Mahlon, from the hand of Naomi. And also Ruth of Moab, the wife of Mahlon, I have bought for myself for a wife, to raise up the name of him who died over his inheritance. And the name of him who died shall not be cut off from among his brothers, and from the gate of his place. You are witnesses today.***

This is a very telling story, filled with symbolism of our redemption through the blood of Yahshua. I believe that the first kinsman, who would not redeem Naomi due to having to take on the burden of sharing his inheritance with Ruth, is indicative of Judah today. Judah does not want to recognize that they have 11 other brothers, just like the first kinsman, fearing that they may lose their inheritance and their identity. That is why it is extremely important that, when we are sharing the good news of salvation through the blood of Yahshua, we do not have a proselytizing attitude with them. Many Christians who go to Israel try to convince religious Jews that the law was nailed to the cross; by doing so they are only harming the

true good news message of the Jewish Savior Yahshua, Who came to save us from sin, NOT from the law Remember, He upheld the Torah perfectly as an example for us to follow.

***Rth 4:13-17 And Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and Yahweh gave her conception, and she bore a son. And the women said to Naomi, Blessed be Yahweh, who has not left you this day without a redeemer; and may his name be called in Israel. And may he be to you a restorer of life, and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you has borne him, who is better to you than seven sons. And Naomi took the child, and laid him in her bosom, and became nurse to him. And the neighboring women gave him a name, saying, This is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.***

Boaz was also indicative of Yahshua, in that he redeemed Ruth so that the tribe of her dead husband would not be lost or cut off from his brothers. In the same way, Yahshua is calling back the tribes of Israel, so that they, too, will not be cut off from their brothers.

What an awesome story of redemption and hope, and how fitting that this is the very lineage from which both King David and King Yahshua came.

So we see very clearly that redemption can only come in a jubilee year and only by the kinsman redeemer. Let's look at another Scripture speaking of the coming Kinsman Redeemer.

***Isa 54:1-8 Sing out, barren one who never bore; break out a song and shout, you who never travailed. For the sons of the desolate one are more than the sons of the married woman, says Yahweh. (speaking to Judah) Make the place of your tent larger, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings. Do not spare, lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. For you***

**shall break forth on the right hand and on the left. And your seed shall possess nations, and people will inhabit ruined cities. Do not fear, for you shall not be shamed, nor shall you be abashed, for you shall not be wounded.**

(Speaking to Ephraim)

**For you shall forget the shame of your youth, and you shall not remember the reproach of your widowhood any more.**

**For your Maker is your husband; Yahweh of Hosts is His Name; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the Elohim of all the earth. For Yahweh has called you as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, even a wife of young men when she is rejected, says your Elohim. For a little moment I have left you, but I will gather you with great pity. In a flood of wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; but I will have pity on you with everlasting kindness, says Yahweh your Redeemer.**

**Isa 54:17 Every weapon formed against you shall not prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment, you shall condemn. This is the inheritance of the servants of Yahweh, and their righteousness is from Me, says Yahweh.**

The word used here for redeemer is the same word used for the Kinsman Redeemer, and we know from this Scripture and many others that only the Messiah can redeem Israel. Sometimes man, in his zeal or pride, and according to the situation, thinks that Yahweh needs him to fulfill His plan for Israel. We are mere tools that the Father uses, as instruments to fulfill His wonderful purpose. It is an honor to us, that He can even use such weak, frail sinners as we are.

Although we will witness the embryonic stages of the re-gathering before the Messiah returns, such as Israel spying out the promise land in Numbers 13 before they entered, the greater re-gathering will not happen until the Messiah appears. Only He can bring the peace needed for



this task, and only He has the legal right, according to Torah, to put all twelve tribes back in their own land.

***Jer 33:7-11 And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity which they have sinned against Me; and I will pardon all their iniquities which they have sinned against Me, and which they have rebelled against Me. And it shall be a name of joy to Me, a praise and a glory to all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do for them. And they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the peace that I do for it. So says Yahweh, Again there shall be heard in this place, which you say shall be waste without man and without beast, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate without man, without one living in it, and without beast, the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of those saying, Praise Yahweh of Hosts, for Yahweh is good, for His mercy endures forever; those who shall bring the sacrifice of thanksgiving into the house of Yahweh. For I will bring back the captivity of the land, as at the first, says Yahweh.***

***Jer 33:14-15 Behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that I will fulfill the good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, I will cause a Branch of Righteousness to grow up to David. And He shall do judgment and righteousness in the land.***

***Jer 33:16 In those days Judah shall be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell in safety. And this is the name that shall be called on her: YAHWEH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.***

What some seem to forget at times is the fact that the re-gathering of Israel is a spiritual event, as well as a

physical event. That no mere man will ever bring lasting peace to the Middle East, nor will any mere man ever re-gather all 12 tribes of Israel into one. There is a spiritual element of forgiveness that must come into play, and only Yahshua the Messiah, the true High Priest of Yahweh, can bring this much-needed redemption to the sons of Israel. When all twelve tribes are re-gathered back to the land of Israel, they will come weeping and mourning, and there will be a new heart of the new covenant within them.

***Jer 50:4-7 In these days, and at that time, the sons of Israel shall come, declares Yahweh, they and the sons of Judah together, going and weeping; they shall go and seek Yahweh their Elohim. They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces pointing there, saying, Come and let us join ourselves to Yahweh in an everlasting covenant never to be forgotten. My people are lost sheep, their shepherds have caused them to go astray; they turned them away on the mountains, they have gone from mountain to hill; they have forgotten their resting place. All who have found them have devoured them. And their foes said, We are not guilty, because they have sinned against Yahweh, the habitation of righteousness, and Yahweh, their fathers' hope.***

***Jer 50:19-20 And I will again bring Israel to his home, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied on Mount Ephraim and Gilead. In those days, and at that time, states Yahweh, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and it is not; and the sins of Judah, and they will not be found; for I will pardon those whom I leave as a remnant.***

No, man is not the answer to Israel's problems. Just the opposite. Man has been the problem. First Israel itself rejected Yahweh and His laws and Sabbaths, and then, everywhere that Israel was scattered in Satan's world, men persecuted Israel and plundered them. That

continues even into our modern times: it was bad enough that the Jewish nation had to go through such a horrible time as the holocaust, but even after that, when Israel became a nation, over 700,000 Jews were displaced from all the Arab countries and all their belongings confiscated. No, man will not save Israel, only Yahweh can, through His right hand, the Messiah of Israel, Yahshua (Yah is Salvation). Only the Messiah can take away not only the enmity that the world has against Israel, but even that which Judah and Ephraim have against each other.

***Isa 11:9-13 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Root of Jesse, that stands for an ensign of the peoples, unto Him shall the nations seek; and His resting-place shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass in that day, that Yahweh will set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people, that shall remain, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And He will set up an Ensign for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and they that vex Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.***

The Messiah is going to bring with him a spirit of peace and unity, and it will start in Jerusalem and go throughout all the earth. He will also do away with the jealousy that Judah and Ephraim have had since the time of Judah selling Joseph into slavery. But just as Joseph (a type of Messiah) totally forgave his brothers, and realized that it was all part of the plan of our Heavenly Father, so too will the true Messiah, Yahshua, bring with Him this spirit of love and forgiveness.

***Eze 37:15-27 The word of Yahweh came again unto me, saying, And you, son of man, take you one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and for all the house of Israel, his companions: and join them for you one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand. And when the children of your people shall speak unto you, saying, Will you not declare to us what these mean to you? Say unto them, So says the Almighty Yahweh: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in My hand. And the sticks shall be in your hand, the ones in which you write before their eyes. And say unto them, So says the Almighty Yahweh: Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, whither they are gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: and I will make them one nation in the land, upon the mountains of Israel; and one King shall be king to them all; and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all; neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will save them out of all their dwelling-places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be My people, and I will be their Elohim. And my Servant, my Beloved, shall be King over them; and they all shall have one Shepherd: they shall also walk in My ordinances, and observe My statutes, and do them. And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob My servant, wherein your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, they, and their children,***

***and their children's children, for ever: and my beloved Servant shall be their Prince for ever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people.***

At this time peace will reign over all the earth and Israel will be that model nation that Yahweh intended them to be. The Messiah will unite the two Houses of Israel into one, just as it was in the days of King David and Solomon.

***Isa 65:17-25 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be you glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; and there shall be heard in her no more the voice of weeping and the voice of crying. There shall be no more there an infant of days, nor an old man that has not filled his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabits; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree shall be the days of My people, and My chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for calamity; for they are the seed of the blessed of Yahweh, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They***

***shall not hurt nor destroy in My entire holy mountain, says Yahweh.***

Does Scripture give us any idea when the Messiah is coming back to re-gather the sons of Israel?

***Mat 24:32-34 Now from the fig tree learn her parable: when her branch is now become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is nigh; even so you also, when you see all these things, know you that He is nigh, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all these things be accomplished.***

Yahshua told us to watch the fig tree. Who is the fig tree?

***Jer 24:1a-7 Yahweh showed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs set before the temple of Yahweh, One basket had very good figs, like the figs that are first-ripe; and the other basket had very bad figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. Then said Yahweh unto me, what do you see, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, that cannot be eaten, they are so bad. And the word of Yahweh came unto me, saying, Thus says Yahweh, the Elohim of Israel: Like these good figs, so will I regard the captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans, for good. For I will set My eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. And I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am Yahweh: and they shall be My people, and I will be their Elohim; for they shall return unto Me with their whole heart.***

So very clearly Israel is the fig tree. Some figs are very good, and will be allowed back into the land, and some

figs are very bad and will not be allowed back into the land. So it is Israel coming back to be a nation that we are to watch. Now let's look at Psalm 102. I believe that Psalm 102 is a psalm speaking about the holocaust and leading into the return of the Messiah.

***Psa 102:2-5 Hide not Your face from me in the day of my distress; Incline Your ear unto me; In the day when I call answer me speedily. For my days consume away in smoke, and my bones are burned as a firebrand. My heart is smitten like grass, and withered; for I forget to eat my bread. By reason of the voice of my groaning My bones cleave to my flesh.***

Who can read these verses and not think about the pictures of starving Jews in concentration camps, reduced to mere skin and bones? Also, the bodies being burned in the crematoriums, just like the psalmist declares.

***Psa 102:8-9 My enemies curse me all the day; My very own name has been used as a curse against me. For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping,***

Can we forget the yellow armbands forced on Jewish people to wear, and the humiliation given to them daily, strictly because they were sons of Jacob, as the psalmist writes?

***Psa 102:13 You will arise, and have mercy upon Zion; For it is time to have pity upon her, Yes, the set time is come.***

Verse 13 is very interesting. The psalmist talks about restoring Zion out of this terrible holocaust, at the set time. The word in Hebrew is "moed." It literally means to make an appointment with, or an exact appointed time. What was the exact timing of Israel's captivity? We have already shown that it was 2,520 years, ending exactly in 1948 when Israel once again became a nation. And here

the psalmist is saying the same thing. He is saying there would be a time of great cleansing on the sons of Jacob, but then, at the appointed time (May 14, 1948), Israel would once again be a nation. But that's not all, let's read on.

***Psa 102:16 For When Yahweh has built up Zion; He shall appear in His glory.***

***Psa 102:18 This shall be written for the last generation ; And a people which shall be created shall praise Yahweh.***

Wow! What an awesome Scripture! When Yahweh builds up Zion, and returns His people back to Jerusalem, then the Messiah will appear, and this was written for the last generation. Many translations render this verse as “*for a future generation,*” but in the original Hebrew it is rendered “*L’der Acharon,*” which literally means the last generation. Zion is more built up than it has ever been in its history, and Israel is a nation again after more than 2,500 years of Diaspora. Yahshua clearly said that when you begin to see these things, look up, for your salvation is near, and that “**THIS GENERATION,**” the generation that would live through the holocaust and see Israel the fig tree become a nation again, would not pass until He had returned. That not only tells us that we are the last generation clearly from Scripture, but that we are late in that generation, and time is passing very quickly. The events of Israel becoming a nation, and even current events that are happening in Israel today, are clear signs that we are close to the Messiah's return.

There is another very interesting Scripture in the book of Romans that gives us another clear indication of how close Yahshua's return really is. We have already gone over how in the end-time Yahweh is going to graft back into the one tree of Israel many converts from the House of Ephraim or Joseph. Now let us examine Romans 11 more closely.

***Rom 11:24 For if you were cut out of the natural wild olive tree, and were against nature grafted***



*into a good olive tree; how much more shall these, which are the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?*

***Rom 11:25 For I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery brethren, so that you may not be wise within yourselves, that a hardening in part has happened to Israel, until the fullness of the nations comes in;***

***Rom 11:26 and so all Israel shall be saved: even as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer; He shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:***

***Rom 11:27 And this is My covenant unto them, When I shall take away their sins.***

From Romans 11 it is very evident what our Heavenly Father is doing in the end-time. He is spiritually preparing Ephraim for Yahshua's return. But who are the "fullness of the nations?" Remember, the word "goyim," mostly translated gentile, simply means nations. So who is the fullness of the nations? The answer lies in a prophecy given by Jacob to the sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh, back in Genesis 48. Remember, Jacob (Israel) was blessing the two boys when he put his right hand (hand of strength) on Ephraim instead of the first born, Manasseh. Joseph did not want him to do this, because Manasseh was the firstborn, but listen to Jacob's reply.

***Gen 48:17 And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head.***

***Gen 48:18-19 And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father; for this is the first-born; put your right hand upon his head. And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: howbeit his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become the fullness of the nations.***

It was prophesied by Yahweh, through Jacob, that the calling back of Ephraim in the end-time would be the fullness of the nations, that these people, in the end-time, who would think that they are gentiles, would actually be the very seed of Abraham, and the lost tribes of Israel. It is also amazing to note how Yahshua said that no man can come to Me unless the Father draws him. The fact that Yahweh is literally hand picking His chosen ones today is just mind-boggling.

There has been a phenomenon going on since the middle of the 1990's. Since that time literally thousands upon thousands of evangelical Christians have been coming out of their ancient pagan backgrounds and realizing the truth about who they really are. The House of Ephraim! We do ministry in Israel almost half of the year and meet many of these Brethren, who say that, strictly from reading the Bible, the Holy Spirit has led them to this truth. Something fantastic is happening. Isaiah 48 poetically puts it:

***Isa 48:20b Declare this with a voice of singing, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth: say, Yahweh hath redeemed His servant Jacob.***

It is also amazing that in this last generation, thousands upon thousands of Tribal clansmen, from everywhere from Afghanistan to India and China, all the way to Australia and around the globe to America and back through Europe and Great Britain, even back to Israel in the middle East, are claiming that they are Israelites, from the seed of Joseph. In Bombay, India, there are 5,000 people claiming to be Israelites, whose claim goes back several thousand years, to the tribe of Zebulon. Archeologists have found ancient coins in this area that have the inscription of "Zebulon" and also date back to Israel's captivity. There are several thousand clansmen from Uzbekistan that claim they are the descendants of Naphtali and Isaacar. Again, archeologists have found tombs dating back to Biblical times in that same region.

Something wonderful is indeed happening, as Isaiah said it would. Yahweh truly is redeeming his servant Jacob.

Now you know the wonderful plan that our Heavenly Father has been working out for almost the last 4,000 years, since the promises were made to Abraham. Now we are the last generation, and we will see the appearing of the Messiah to save Israel, and resurrect their father Abraham, and all the saints with him.

By knowing the awesome plan that our Father is working out today, it also helps us to understand where we fit into that plan. It helps us to understand the fact that there is not one covenant to Israel and a separate covenant to the Gentiles; there is one everlasting covenant to the one Tree of Israel. Then, anyone who fears Yahweh and wants to be part of that covenant can do so, by repenting of their sins and accepting the shed blood of Yahshua for the sacrifice for those sins. Then, when he is immersed in the Names of Yahweh and Yahshua, he literally joins the family of Israel, and becomes an heir of Abraham.

How wonderful is it also to understand that many (if not most) true believers today, who may have thought they were gentiles, are actually from the lost tribes of Israel, and that they are also waiting for their inheritance in the land of promise.

The time is short. The day is far spent, and the night is drawing on when no man will work. Let us take the high calling of our Heavenly Father most seriously. Let us honor and cherish our calling as a begotten child of His. Let us be sober and be living lives of Righteousness. Let us truly put the cares of others, such as the poor and the widow and orphan, above our own needs. Let us put away all the worthless ways of our pagan ancestors and truly worship our Heavenly Father in Spirit and truth, and may Yahshua answer you at His return; *“ Well done, good servant, come inherit the Kingdom our Father has prepared for us.”*

**Hallelu Yah !**

**Mat 10:8b** *“Freely you have received, freely you give.”*

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