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# Walk



Eze 37:19 Say to them, So says Yahweh, Adonia: 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 I will make them one stick, and they shall be one in My hand.

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# Personal.....

Greetings and shalom in the wonderful names of Yahweh and Yahshua. I pray that all of Yah's set apart saints are well. I believe that this could be the most important letter that I have ever written in 25 years of service to Yahweh, 13 of those years as a Pastor of Yahshua to His congregation scattered abroad.

I attended the opening ceremony of World Biblical Zionists on Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> with another Congregation of YAHWEH Elder, which was hosted by Joel Bell, President of the organization and his wife Pamela. Joel laid out to Judah the vision of the organization and the recognition of the House of Ephraim here in Israel, and the projects for Ephraim to participate here in the land with Judah toward building up Zion for both families of Israel's future.

There were also several top Likud members and former Knesset members who were present, among them was Ayoob Kara, Ullie Edelstein, and Gideon Saar, who is not only the Knesset whip presently, but is also the head of the committee under Benjamin Netanyahu to form the next coalition of the next government, when Likud takes control of the government this February, here in Israel. Ayoob Kara is also the project operations manager for World Biblical Zionists and a strong ally to the House of Ephraim.

Also present was Sagiv Assulin, a Likud member, and in line to possibly take a portfolio in the next government in the Knesset, but even more important to us is, that he is vice-president of World Biblical Zionists with Joel Bell.

I was amazed at what I heard from these most influential men here in the land. First of all Ayoob Kara shared his appreciation for who we are and what we do as a people to help Judah and the land of Israel, and thanked us for being allies with them.

Gideon Saar thanked us as fellow believers in The Elohim of Israel and the land promises here, but added that we are more than allies, as allies are separate people who come together for a common goal, but we are partners with them in keeping Israel united and standing for the land covenant here.

But Sagiv Assulin went even one step future and publicly stated that we are even more than allies with them for this great land that Yahweh has promised to the 12 tribes of Israel, and that we are not only allies, but **brothers** with them to this cause. This got a standing ovation from the some odd 300 people in attendance of both Judah and Ephraim.

Brethren, when I came here to Israel with Petra almost 10 years ago now, I wondered why Yahweh brought me here, as daily I would be attacked from Christians on Yahweh's law being nailed to the cross and we are not under the bondage of the Torah any longer, as they say. And of course my answer would always be that there are only **curses** and bondage for **disobedience**, not for obedience, as **obedience** only brings **blessings** and never cursing.

Then after a few years of standing in the gap here in the land for my brothers, who are Israelites, Yahweh opened the door after 2700 years of Diaspora to allow us to publicly hold the 3 pilgrim feasts here again in the land and to appear before Him as scripture states.

***Deu 16:16 Three times in a year shall all your males appear before Yahweh your Elohim in the place which He shall choose: In the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks and in the Feast of Tabernacles. And they shall not appear before Yahweh empty,***

It started with a handful of us back in 2001 and has grown every year ever since, this year 2008 we had around 200 pilgrims from around 20 different countries with us at feast time. But now I see that Yahweh has

even a greater purpose to bringing us here; He is allowing us to be a part of the beginning of the most amazing historic event in the history of mankind, that will even be greater than the exodus from Egypt, the regathering of the children of Israel abroad and to bringing them back to our very promised land.

**Jer 16:14 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.**

**Jer 16:15 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.**

Let me tell you that this process has already started more than 12 years ago now with the Holy Spirit opening up the minds of Christians from all over the globe to their Israelite heritage, and before Yahweh could even think about bringing Ephraim home He had to, through His spirit, change our hearts and minds to love His Torah and repent for our pagan lifestyles that we inherited from our forefathers.

**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.**

Now is the time though, to see if mentally, spiritually, and physically we are ready to walk through this great door that Yahweh is opening, through the Likud government. The nation of Israel is at a crossroad. It is a crossroad to whether they will buckle under the international pressure of the globalists and divide the land and give up these great promises to the Arabs as Esau gave up His birthright to Jacob, or whether they will hold fast to the promises of Yahweh and never divide Jerusalem or give up the Golan Heights and Samaria.

That is the choice of Tzippi Livni and Kadima , compared to Benjamin Netanyahu and Likud, who are vowing to never give away our promised inheritance. And remember that much of the very land in dispute is the biblical land of Ephraim and the northern tribes.

I am not asking anyone to get involved in politics. We are Ambassadors for the Kingdom of Yahweh, which is an eternal Kingdom that will fully come to earth with the return of Yahshua to the Mount of Olives, and is present today through us as His ambassadors of peace to share this message worldwide.

But I want to go even further than Sagiv Assulin went when he said we are more than partners, and that we are brothers, as even Esau and Jacob were brothers. I want to say after meeting him and seeing his heart to fulfil the word of Yahweh and help us to return to our biblical homeland and help to rebuild Zion, that we are even more than brothers, we are friends. Segiv is an exceptionally honest young man, who has just passed the bar exam and will also work with having a full legal department for helping Ephraim's legal jurisdiction here in the land.

I have made an alliance with Joel Bell, Sagiv Assulin and Ayoob Kara to work with the WBZ to helping bring back Ephraim and to help rebuild Zion. And as mentioned, much more than an alliance, I have made a friendship. I see very clearly that Yahweh is using the Likud government and in particular Sagiv Asulin to the end of fulfilling prophecy and bringing back the tribes of Israel according to scripture.

**Jer 30:3 For, lo, the days come, says Yahweh, that I will turn the captivity of My people Israel and Judah, says Yahweh; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.**

**Jer 30:4 And these are the Words that Yahweh spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah:**

Brethren, I pray you can also see this historic time that we have entered in world events. For ten years I have not been lounging in the luxury of Babylon, but have been here with my wife standing on the frontline for the nation of Israel.

A while back, when Petra and I returned to Israel in 2003, on the day the Iraqi war broke out, the port in Haifa was not even opened due to the war and lack of people coming in, and the border guard who was called to check us asked , “ *Why are you here, don’t you know war broke out today.* ” And my answer was, “ *yes, I know war broke out, that is why we are here, for if we can stand with you during war, then we want to celebrate with you during peace.* ” And the border guard smiled and thanked us and has been a friend ever since.

Brethren, it is not a political alliance we are making, but a friendship among brothers, toward the common goal of preserving the promised land of Israel for all 12 tribes, so prophecy can be fulfilled. Was it political when Joseph was sold into Egypt by his brothers so that Yahweh could protect the nation of Israel by him?

Was it political when Yahweh, who called the pagan King Cyrus of Persia, His servant, and inspired Him to allow Ezra and the children of Judah back to Jerusalem for the building of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple?

And was it political when Queen Ester was appointed to be the Queen in the court of Ahasuerus to be able to protect the nation of Judah from the genocide of Hamman? And as Mordecai stated to Ester, it is the question I ask now, **“How do we know if our whole existence is not only for this moment?”**

Yes, we are at a most momentous time in the history of mankind, and don’t think that as Judah went through a Holocaust of 6 million of our brother’s lives sacrificed to create the modern homeland of Israel in 1948, that there will not be a sacrifice of Ephraim to also return.

Yes, this will be the time that Yahweh will see whose heart is for Him and His covenant promises and whose heart is still in the pleasures of Babylon. Remember, when Cyrus gave the decree to Judah to return and build the temple in 539 B.C., only 10% of the Jews in Babylon came back to the promised land as most enjoyed the relatively easy lifestyle of Babylon over the hard work of rebuilding Zion.

That same scenario is being played out today. As world democracy and the whole international banking system is ready to collapse, each one of you will be tried and tested and purified, for our Heavenly Father to see where each of us stands before Him.

Of coarse Yahweh’s will, will be done, but He gives us the power in our hands to help to accomplish it. Remember that we need to be doers of the word and not only hearers (Ro 2:13). It is most clear, that Yahweh is using the current situation here in the land through the Likud government to help fulfil His will and bring back the tribes of Israel to the Promised Land, as brothers who will stand beside them.

Now, the only question in my mind is, are we ready to receive what Yahweh has to give. I am fully convicted that if we don’t extend our hand and receive the hand of friendship that has been extended to us by Ayoob, Sagiv and the Likud party, and if they lose the election, it will not be because Yahweh did not want them to help us, but simply because we were not ready to receive this great blessing. I always say that success is *when preparation meets opportunity*, and here we are. I have been preparing for this day for almost 10 years and I personally am ready to walk through this amazing door that Yahweh is opening.

I have no desire to get involved in politics as stated, as I am already a Worldwide Ambassador for Yahweh and His Kingdom, but as a friend and a brother, I will do anything in my power to help these people, who I believe are being used to fulfil scripture.

So there is no cost, but the obligation is putting your heart and soul into fulfilling prophecy and returning to our biblical homeland and helping to rebuild it and prepare for Messiah to return.

The northern tribes of Israel went into captivity by Assyria around the year 723-721 B.C. and in the book of Ezekiel, Ezekiel is told to lie on his side for 390 days.

***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.***

(Continuing in verse 6) ..... ***a day for a year. I have set it for you, a day for a year.***

Then in the book of Leviticus, in the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter it states four different times, that if Israel was disobedient that the length of their punishment would be multiplied seven times its duration in their Diaspora (Lev 26:18,21,24,28). If you take the 390 days that Ezekiel was told to lay on his side (a day for a year) and multiple that 390 year punishment by the 7 times duration that is mentioned in Leviticus 26, you come up with a full punishment in Diaspora among the nation of 2,730.

Now here is the fun part. Add 2,730 to the beginning of the punishment by Assyria in 723-721 BC and you come up with Ephraim's punishment ending between the year 2008 and 2010 (remember you need to add one year since the zero year is not counted).

How amazing is it to you that in exactly the year that Yahweh had prophesied that the tribes of Israel's captivity would end is exactly the year that our brother Judah, through the newly forming Likud government is recognizing that we are their brother and wants to make a program to bring a remnant of us home to Israel. If that doesn't make the hair on your back stand up, I don't know what will.

We are moving ever so close to the end of this wicked age, run by satan the devil, and the beginning of the millennial age run by the government of Yahweh, with Yahshua Messiah reigning as King with King David as His servant from Jerusalem. In the end time, Yahweh is dwelling in Zion, His Holy Mountain and He will protect His people, Israel, here in His Holy Land of Israel (Joel 2:30-32). What a wonderful time we live in and how thankful I am to Yahweh that he has allowed me to be a part of this great work that he is doing.

Each one of us has a choice to make; we need to choose whether we are going to continue in the unrighteous unholy lifestyle of America/Babylon and the immoral culture that they have brought to the world, or if we are going to sacrifice our physical lives now for helping in the re-building of our homeland. For so many, this idea of supporting to re-build Israel has only been a dream at best, but Yahweh, who can do all things, is making it into a reality. He is going to test the heart and soul of every being before Messiah returns. Remember what Yahshua said when He was on earth;

***"Mat 10:39 The one finding his life shall lose it. And the one losing his life on account of Me shall find it."***

Are we losing our lives in satan's immoral Babylon, and are we finding our life in the end time work of Yahweh. What sacrifices are we making to further this great work that Yahweh has allowed us to partner in? Are we using our spiritual gifts for the building of the body of Messiah, or merely for the building of our own individual kingdoms May we actively take part in this great work that Yahweh is doing with the sons of Israel today. As always, the choice is free to us to make, but the consequences if we don't act will be dire. Please keep this is in prayer.

B'Shem Yahshua,

**Don**

## **Was All Of Ancient Israel Really Carried Captive? Reprint**

A leading rabbi stated on a Los Angeles radio station: "I have always been very much interested in the whereabouts of the lost tribes."

Why? Because the rabbi, like other leaders of Judaism, is very much aware that the Jewish people are not the whole of Israel.

The Jews know they are basically descended from just two main tribes, Judah and Benjamin, with perhaps lesser increments of Simeon and the priestly tribe of Levi.

But when it comes to the question "Where, then are the rest of the twelve tribes today?" they are as much in the dark as anyone.

The ancient united nation of Israel was divided into two nations – called Israel and Judah – almost immediately after the death of Solomon. This division came about as a YAHWEH ordained punishment of Solomon's son, triggered the actual split by refusing to lighten the Israelites heavy tax load. Indeed, he threatened to make it much heavier. As a result most of the tribes revolted (1 Kings 12). From that time on, four whole books of the bible detail the separate national histories of the House of Israel (the ten tribes) and the House of Judah ceased as a nation when it was completely overrun by Assyria in 721-718 B.C.

### **What happened to the people?**

The bible records: "*In the ninth year of Hosea the king of Assyria took Samaria (Israel's capital city). And carried Israel away into Assyria and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.....(2Kg 17: 6; 18: 11).*

But were all the people really removed? A contrary view is expressed by the late archaeologist William F. Albright: "*We now know that the Israelites continued to occupy most of (the allotment of) Ephraim and parts of Galilee and Gilead, and that there were Israelite minorities in Ammon, Syria and Phoenicia*" (The Biblical Period from Abraham to Ezra, p. 74). But how do "we know" this? And how long after the Assyrian conquest may some of Israel have remained in the Promised Land?

While we may grant the possibility of individuals having found asylum in Ammon, Syria, Tyre, etc., the evidence is that no significant number of Israelites in Israel ultimately escaped the Assyrian dragnet..

Probable the best known extra biblical account of deportation from Israel is found in the annals of the Assyrian king Sargon:

*At the beginning of my royal rule, I .....(conquered) the town of the Samarians..... I besieged and conquered Samaria (Sa-me-re-na), led away as booty 27,290 inhabitants of it. I formed from among them a contingent of 50 chariots and made remaining inhabitants assume their social positions*" (Ancient Near Eastern Texts, third edition, edited by James B. Pritchard, p. 284).

Here only 27,290 people were taken, all specifically said to be from the capital city. Evidently others in the city at that time were left behind. But this is only what Sargon did in his first year.

Did Israeli deportation end there? Assuredly not! Nor in fact had it begun there. Leaving aside the question of how many Israelite slaves the Assyrians may have taken from other localities during the long three-year siege of Samaria, notice that a great portion of Israel had already been completely removed by a previous invasion... The fragmentary annals of King Tiglathpileser 111 tell us: '*...-nite, Gal'za (Gilead?), Abilakka (plain of the upper Jordan River) which are adjacent to Israel (Bit Hu-um-ri-a (the House of Omri) and the wide land of Naftali, in its full extend, I united with Assyria. Officers of mine I installed as governors upon them.....All its inhabitants and their possessions I led to Assyria. They (the people of the remaining western regions of the kingdom) overthrew their king Pekah and I placed Hoshea as king over them...*'(ibid, pp. 283, 284).

Notice in this case that the entire population of Israel east of the Jordan, in the upper valley and as far south as Galilee, was removed.

Parallel bible accounts word it: “*And YAHWEH of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tigath-pilneser king of Assyria (the Babylonian and Assyrian names of the same king), 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 Gozan, unto this day*

And also: “*In the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglath-pieser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and galilee, all the land of Naftalie, and carried them captive to Assyria*” (2 Kg 15: 29).

About half of the house of Israel had been taken away as a result of this earlier invasion. Sargon removed an additional number. And yet for many years. Some further facts will help to explain what happened.

### **The empty land**

The bible tells us that the Assyrians brought other settlers to Israel to replace the vanished Israelites – “*men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria...*” (2 Kg 7: 24).

They were placed in all the cities of the land. But we must not assume that this all happened immediately. The bible does not tell us which Assyrian king was responsible for this colonization. Instead, from the vantage point of a later time, it speaks of the entire process as an accomplished fact. The truth is whole decades were involved.

King Sargon, who claimed the capture of the capital city, also tells us who he brought into the land. And they were not the city-dwelling Samaritans just mentioned. Those came later.

Sargon warred with the Arabs of the dessert. “Upon a trust-inspiring oracle given by my lord Ashur, UI crushed the tribes of Tamud, Ibadidi, Marsimanu, and Haiapa, the Arabs who live far away in the desert and who know no other overseers nor officials and who had not yet brought their tribute to any king. I deported their supervisors and settled them in Samaria” (Ancient Near Eastern Texts, op. cit, p. 286).

Perhaps those survivors were few. And the native-born Israelites continued to be deported, for the land became seriously under populated. Then, with no one to keep them in check, predatory wild animals increased drastically. The later-arriving Samaritans found them to be a dangerous plague (2 Kg 17: 26).

How long did Israelites remain in the land? Are there any clues?

Numbers of people, from the northern territory came south to Jerusalem, to keep the great Passover of king Hezekiah of Judah (II Chr. 30: 10-11, 18). But a comparison of II Chronicles 29: 3 with 2 Kg 18: 8-10 shows this occurred three years before the siege of Samaria.

Why does 2 Chronicles 30: 6 speak of the Northerners as the “*remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria*”? These people had escaped that first great deportation of nearly half the nation performed by Tiglath-pileseser. Note that these people went back home after the Passover (2 Chr 31: 1).

Were there, however, say 20 years later, still Israelites in their land?? Certainly there were. Sennacherib, king of Assyria, mentions a “Menachem of Samsimuruna” – obviously an Israelite – among other rebelling rulers in the land of Israel, the Philistines and Phoenicia (Ancient Nar Eastern Texts, op. cit., p. 287).

As a result of this rebellion, Senacherib marched his army back into the area, mopped up the opposition and even besieged Jerusalem. Though YAHWEH delivered King Hezekiah and Jerusalem out of his hand, he also swept into captivity over 200,000 Jews from the surrounding parts of Judah. No doubt the rebels of Israel were taken away.

In the stress of those times, others experienced a revival of the truth, returning to the worship of YAHWEH at Jerusalem (2 Chr 34: 6-9; 35: 18). Some of these perhaps ultimately moved southward and blended into Judah. The bible hints at this also. Hezekiah’s son – the wicked king Manasseh who finally repented – married a woman from Galilee who became the mother of his son and successor Amon (2Kg 21: 19). So did good king Josiah’s Galilean wife became the mother of king Jehoiakim.

Even earlier some had left Israel and joined Judah for reasons of beliefs (see 2 Chr. 15: 9).

Before the captives began, the prophet Isaiah had prophesied this result: “*And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob (Israel) shall be made thin.... And it shall be as when the harvestman gathered the corn*” (the harvester, Assyrian conquerors will have gathered everyone, expect for a few in hiding they might accidentally miss)... Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive three, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, says The Elohim of Israel. At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the holy One of Israel.....In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken bough...” (Is 17: 4-9).

But the fact that a few Israelites intermarried into Judah does not mean Israel and Judah ceased to be two separate peoples. That would be like saying that because a minority of Japanese settled in the US there is no more a distinct Japanese nation! Lk 2: 36 mentions one woman of the tribe of Asher resident at Jerusalem in the first century A.D. We have no indication whether she or her family had come to Jerusalem recently or centuries before but one thing is certain. The bulk of the tribe of Asher was not there!

As late as Asshurbanibal, whose reign over Assyria spanned the middle of the 600’s BC additional settlers were being brought in to replace the now totally missing Israelites.”....*The Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehabites, and the Elamites, and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnapper (Asshurbanipal) brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria...*”(Ezra 4: 9-10).

This may be an indication that the final contingent of Israel had been removed only before. A scant generation later, Ezekiel recorded the attitude of Judah toward the lands formerly occupied by Israel: ”*Again the word of YAHWEH came to me, saying Son of man, thy brethren, even thy brethren, the man of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel wholly, are they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far (geographically) from YAHWEH: unto us this land is given this land given in possession.*” They wanted to possess the land.

”*Therefore say, Thus says YAHWEH Elohim; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary (that is, YAHWEH would watch over them for good) in the countries where they shall come*” (Ez 11: 14-16).).

They never returned. And when later the nation of Judah was taken away too, the Jewish people were placed in a different location in the Babylonian Empire – not including the areas of Israel’s captivity. Those areas in Assyria had become part of the Median Empire.

The Israelites were carried away “unto this day” (1Chr 5:26), the time when the books of Chronicles were written after the return of the Jews under Zerubbabel, Ezra and Nehemiah.

### **What Josephus said**

The noted Jewish historian Flavius Josephus wrote of the lost tribes of the northern House of Israel just after the time of Yahshua. Even in the later half of the first century A. D., Josephus was able to report;”.....Wherefore there are but two tribes in Asia and Europe subject to the Romans, while the ten tribes are beyond the Euphrates till now, and are an immense multitude, and not to be estimated by numbers” Antiquities, book XI, chapter V section 2).

This is further confirmation that the houses of Israel and Judah were still not united as late as the first century A.D. It was in part a preparation for later reaching some of these separated Israelites that Yahshua commanded the apostles as He sent them on their first “trial run” during His earthly ministry:

”....*Go not into the way of the nations, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not; but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel*” (Mat 10: 5-6).

It was the apostle Paul who was later sent to the nations (see Acts 13). He went to the cities of Asia Minor such as Antioch, Ephesus, Corinth, etc. These were not Israelite cities, though contingents of Jews dwelt in each. The Samaritan nation was still occupying Israel’s former land. Though it is prophesied to occur in the future (Ezek 37), the House of Israel and the House of Judah have never been reunited.

## WHERE DID THE ORIGINAL APOSTLES GO TO?

Why has the truth about the journeys of the original 12 apostles been hidden from the public knowledge?

You read plainly of Paul's travels through Cyprus, Asia, Minor, Greece, and Italy. But the movements of the original 12 apostles are a mystery. Why?

Did it ever seem strange to you that most of the New Testament, following the book of Acts, was written by Paul, and not by Peter? Did you ever wonder why, after Peter initiated the preaching of the gospel to the nations at the house of Cornelius (Acts 10 and 11), he and others of the 12 apostles suddenly vanished from view? And why only Peter and John reappear, for a fleeting moment, in Jerusalem at the inspired conference recorded in Acts?

You read, only of Paul's ministry to the nations. Why? What happened to the 12 apostles?

There is a reason why the journeys of the 12 apostles have been cloaked in mystery – until now.

You probably have been told that Yahshua chose the 12 disciples, ordained them apostles, sent them, first, to preach to the Jews. When the Jews, as a nation, rejected that message, you probably have supposed that the apostles turned to the nations.

Nothing could be further from the truth. It was the apostle Paul, called years later as a special apostle, who was commissioned to bear the gospel, to the nations. To Ananias, who was sent to baptize Paul: “*Go, for he*” – Saul, later named Paul – “*is a chosen vessel of mine to bear my name before nations, kings, and the children of Israel*” (Acts 9: 15).

It was Paul, not any of the 12, who said, “*From now on I will go to the nations*” (Acts 18”6). If Yahshua would have not called Paul as a special apostle, to carry the gospel to the nations, if the original 12 had been commissioned to preach to the gentiles. Then to whom were the 12 apostles sent?

Math 10:5-6: “*These 12 Yahshua sent out and commanded them, saying, do not go into the way of the nations, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans.*

*But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”*

The 12 were forbidden to spread the gospel among the nations.

It was Paul who was commissioned to do that work. The 12 were to go instead, to the lost “sheep of the house of Israel” – the lost Ten Tribes.

Granted, Messiah did send Peter to the home of Cornelius (Act 10 and 11) to open the gospel to the nations, but Peter’s life mission was to carry the gospel to the “*lost sheep of the house of Israel*”. Peter merely opened the door, as the chief apostle, for the nations. It was Paul who went through the door and brought the gospel to the nations, Peter, in his capacity of chief apostle, made one trip to the gentile Samaritans. But that was not to bring the gospel to them. Phillip had done that Peter and John merely prayed for the Samaritans that they would receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 8: 5, 14-17).

The 12 apostles were not sent to the nations, but to the “*lost sheep of the house of Israel*.” It was Paul who went to the nations.

**If the world had known the lands to which the 12 apostle’s journed, the house of Israel would never have been lost from view!** But YAHWEH intended, for a special purpose, which few understand, that the identity of the lost house of Israel should not be revealed until this pulsating 20<sup>th</sup> century.

### “House of Israel” identified

Whole books of the Old Testament are devoted to the power struggles between Israel and Judah. The first time the word “Jews” appears in the bible you will discover the king of Israel, allied with Syria, driving the Jews from the Red Sea port of Elath (11 Kings 16: 6-7).

The northern 10 tribes, the house of Israel, were overthrown and led into captivity (721 BC by the mighty Assyrian Empire). Its people were led into captivity beyond the Euphrates River

and planted in Assyria and the cities of the Medes around the Lake Urmia, southwest of the Caspian Sea.

The house of Israel never returned to the area. The nation returned to the area. The nation became

known in history as the Lost Ten Tribes. To them Yahshua sent the 12 apostles!

The House of Judah – the Jewish people – remained in Israel until the Babylonian invasions under King Nebuchadnezzar more than 100 years later. Judah was deported to Mesopotamia. Seventy years after the rise of Babylon to a position of world power, the Jews in 538 BC returned to the

original land of Israel. In history they now became commonly known as “Israel because they were the only descendants of Jacob – or Israel – now living in the land of their exile.

Yahshua “came to His own” – the House of Judah, the Jews – “and His own did not receive Him” (Jn 1:11). Yahshua was of the lineage of David, of the House of Judah. When His own people – the Jews rejected Him, He did not return to the nations. It was Paul who did. Instead, Yahshua said to the woman of the gentiles, “*I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel*” (Math 15: 24).

He commissioned His original 12 disciples. “Go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel”. They did go, but history has lost sight of where they went. Their journeys have been shrouded in mystery – until now!

### **What New Testament reveals**

The history of the New Testament congregation is preserved in the book of Acts. But have you ever noticed that Acts ends in the middle of the story; Luke doesn’t even finish the life of Paul after his two years’ imprisonment. Why?

You will find the answer in Messiah’s commission to Paul. Even before Paul was baptized, Messiah had planned the future work he was to accomplish.

First, Paul was to teach the nations- which he did in Cyprus, Asia Minor and Greece. Second he was to appear before Kings – an event

brought about by a two-year imprisonment at Rome. At the end of this two – period, during which no accusers appeared, Paul would automatically have been released according to Roman law. It is at this point that Luke strangely breaks off the story of Paul’s life. See Acts 28: 31.

But Paul’s third mission was not yet accomplished. Messiah had chosen Paul for a threefold purpose – “to bear (His) name before the nations, kings, and the children of Israel” (Acts 9: 15).

He too, was to the end his work among the lost ten tribes! Luke was not permitted by Messiah to include in Acts the final journeys of Paul’s life. It would have revealed the whereabouts of the children of Israel.

It was not then YAHWEH’s time to make known. But the moment has come, in this climatic “time of the end,” to pull back the shroud of history and reveal where the original 12 apostles went.

Now turn to the book of James. To whom is the book addressed?

***“James, a servant of YAHWEH and of the master Yahshua, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: greeting”.*** James 1: 1.

This book is not addressed to the nations. It is not addressed exclusively to Judah – the Jews. It is addressed to all 12 tribes. To the house of Israel - the lost ten tribes.

Have you ever noticed that the letter of James, like the book of Acts, end abruptly, without the normal salutations? James 5: 20. In the original inspired Greek New Testament every one of Paul’s letters ends with an “Amen”. Every one of the four gospels ends with an “Amen” The book of Revelation ends with an “Amen.

This little word Amen, of Hebrew origin, signifies completion. In the New King James (most modern versions are incorrect, and in several instances leave off the proper ending found in the official printed Greek text) very one of the New Testament books ends with an “Amen” except three – *Acts, James and 3 John*. In these three, and these three only, the word

“Amen” is not in the inspired original Greek. It is purposely missing. Why?

### **Three missing words**

Each missing “Amen” is a special sign. It indicates YAHWEH wants us to understand that certain knowledge was not to be made known to the world – until now, when the gospel is being sent around the world as a final witness before the end of this age.

YAHWEH purposely excluded from the book of Acts the final chapters in the history of the early congregation. It was part of YAHWEH’s plan that the House of Israel should lose its identity and think itself as the nations.

If the book of James ended with the ordinary salutation, the nations of Israel would have been disclosed. Paul often ends his letters with names of

places and people. See the last verses of Romans, Colossians and Hebrews, for example. This is the very part missing, purposely, from James.

And why is the short letter of 1:11 John missing an “Amen”?

YAHWEH did not permit John to make known, in plain language, the full nature of a conspiracy by which some sought to gain control of local congregations, expel those truly converted and loyal to the apostle John and make the truth acceptable to the majority of the Roman Empire (see 1:11John 9 and 10). The “missing Amen” is to

tell us to look elsewhere in the bible for the answer. The conspiracy is described, if you have eyes to see, Rev 17, Acts 8 and many other chapters of the bible.

### **Wars reveal where**

From James 4: 1 we learn that wars were being waged among the lost ten tribes of Israel. “Where do wars and fights come from among you?” asks James.

No wars existed among the Jews until the outbreak, several years later, of the revolt against the Romans. These wars absolutely

identify the lost house of Israel – the lands to which the apostles journeyed.

James wrote his book about A.D. 60 (he was martyred two years later, according to Josephus). Just prior to A.D.60 only two areas of the world were torn by wars and civil fighting’s. When you discover where these areas were, you will have located where the lost Ten Tribes, addressed by James, were then living. All one needs to do is to search the military history for the period immediately before and up to the year A.D. 60. Those two lands were the British Isles and the Parthian Empire.

But these were not the only lands to which the exiled house of Israel journeyed.

### **To whom did Peter write?**

1Peter 1: “*Peter, an apostle of Yahshua, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia*”.

These were not the nations. Peter was not the apostle to the nations (Gal 2: 8). Paul was. Notice the word strangers”. It does not mean nations. The original Greek is parapidemos. It means “a

**resident foreigner**”, literally, an alien along side.” It refers not to the nations, but to foreigners who dwelt among the nations.

Peter was addressing part of the lost Ten Tribes who dwelt among the nations as aliens or strangers. He was not writing primarily to the Jewish people. He would not have addressed them as “strangers”, for he was himself a Jew.

Now notice the regions to which Peter addressed his letter. They are all located in the northern half of Asia Minor, modern Turkey. These lands lay immediately west of the Parthian Empire.

Paul did not preach in these districts. Paul spent his years in Asia Minor in the southern or Greek half. “*And so I have strived*”, said Paul, “*to preach the*

*gospel, not where Yahshua was named, lest I should build on another mans foundation*” (Ro 15: 20).

Paul did spread the gospel in the province of Asia – but only in the southern half, in the districts around Ephesus. Paul was expressively forbidden to preach in Mysia, the northern district of the roman province of Asia (Acts 16: 7-8). Those were the regions in which the lost sheep of the house of Israel dwelt as strangers among the nations!

Paul did preach on his first journey, in southern Galatia, in cities of Iconium, Lystra and Derbe (Acts 14)

### Remnant of The Tribes on shores of Black Sea

A remnant of the house of Israel was settled on the shores of the Black Sea in northern Asia Minor in early New Testament times, Greek writers, in the time of Yahshua, recognized that the regions of northern Asia Minor were non-Greek (except for a few Greek trading colonies in the port cities). New peoples, the Greeks tell us, were living in northern Asia Minor in New Testament times here is the surprising account of Diodorus of Sicily: “Many conquered peoples were removed to other homes, and two of these became very great colonies: the one was composed of Assyrians and was removed to the land between Paphlagonia and Pontus, and the other was frown from Media and planted along the Tanais (the river Don in ancient Scythia – the modern Ukraine, north of the Black Sea, in Southern Russia” Book 11, #3.

Notice the areas from which these colonies came – Assyria and media. The areas to which the House

of Israel was taken captive! “*So Israel was carried away from their own land to Assyria, as it is to this day*” (11 Kings 17: 23). *The king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah and by the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes*”(verse 6).

When the Assyrians were later removed from their homeland toward northern Asia Minor, part of the House of Israel migrated with them. We find them still there in New Testament times.

The bible and secular history clearly point to where the Lost Ten Tribes migrated after their

removal from the area of Palestine by the Assyrians in 721 B.C.! When we find where the Lost Ten Tribes were, we will have found where the original apostles went! By the early New Testament times,

remnants of the house of Israel had settled in the British Isles and the Parthian Empire. Some had migrated toward northern Asia Minor. Now draw back the curtain of history and see where each of the original 12 apostles preached.

One valuable source of information is the Greek and Latin Ecclesiasticae Historiae of Nicephorus Callistus. Another, in English is Antiquitates Apostolicae by William Cave. Universal Greek tradition declares that the apostles did not leave the Syro-Palestinian region until the end of 12 years’ ministry. The number 12 symbolizes a new organized beginning. Before those 12 years were up one of the apostles was already dead – James, the brother of John. He was beheaded by Herod (Acts 12: 1-2).

### Simon Peter in Britain

Where did Peter spend most of his time after those first years in the holy land? Metaphrastes, the Greek historian; “Peter was not only in these western parts’- the western Mediterranean – “but particularly that he was a long time” here we have Peter’s main life work to the lost tribes – “in Britain, where he brought many nations to the faith.” (See p. 45 in Cave’s Antiquitates Apostolicae.)

Peter preached the gospel in Great Britain and Rome. The true gospel had not been publicly preached in Rome before Paul arrived in A.D. 60. Paul never mentioned Peter in his epistle to the

brethren in Rome, most of whom had been converted on Pentecost in A.D. 31.

Not even the Jew in Rome heard the gospel preached before Paul arrived.

***“And it came to pass after three days that Paul called the leaders of the Jews together”*** (Act 28:17). Continuing, verses 21 – 23; ***“And they – the Jews at Rome – “says to him, “We neither received letters from Judea concerning you, nor have any of the brethren who came***

*reported or spoken any evil of you. But we desire to hear from you what you think, for concerning this sect, we know that it is spoken against everywhere. So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of YAHWEH, persuading them concerning Yahshua from the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening.”*

The fact that Peter preached in Britain is evidence that part of the lost house of Israel was there. And significantly, in A.D. 60 great wars overtook Britain – just as James warned the 12 tribes of Israel (Jm 4:1).

#### **Where are Peter and Paul buried?**

No one, it seems, has thought to question the tradition of Peter and Paul being buried in Rome.

Paul was brought to Rome in A.D. 67. He was beheaded in the end of spring A.D. 68, then buried on the Ostian Way. But are his remains still there? Universal tradition declared the apostle Peter was also brought to Rome in Nero’s reign and martyred about the same time. Many pieces of ancient literature – some spurious, some factual – confirm that both Simon Magus, the false apostle who masqueraded as Peter, and Simon Peter himself died at Rome. The question is, were the bones of the apostles Peter and Paul moved from Rome?

Yes! In the year 656 Pope Vitalian decided the Catholic Church should send the remains of the

apostles Peter and Paul. The Pope therefore ordered them sent to Oswy, king of Britain! Here is part of his letter to the British king: “*However, we have ordered the blessed gifts of the holy martyrs, that is, the relics of the blessed apostles, Peter and Paul, and of the holy martyrs, Laurentius, John, and Paul and Gregory and Pancratius, to be delivered to the bearers of these our letters, to be by them delivered to you*” (Bede’s Ecclesiastical History, book III, chapter 29).

The bones of Peter and Paul were sent by the Pope from Rome to Britain – to the land of the lost Tribes of Israel. About a century and a half

earlier Constantinus of Lyons took the relics of all the apostles and martyrs from Gau and buried them in a special tomb at St. Albans in Britain (Life of St. Germanus).

#### **And Andrew his brother?**

Britain, after A.D. 449, was settled by hundreds of thousands of new people in Peter’s day. History knows them as Angles and Saxons. They came originally from the shores of the Black Sea to the Cymbric Peninsula (Denmark) opposite Britain. Which one of the 12 apostles preached to their ancestors while they abode by the Bosphorus and on the Black Sea? “In this division St. Andrew had Scythia, and the neighboring countries primarily allotted him for this province. First then he traveled through Cappadocia, (Upper) Galatia and Bythinia,

and instructed them in the faith of Messiah, passing all along the Euxine Sea” – the old name for the Black Sea -....and so into the solitudes of Scythia.”

Once Andrew “went next to Trapezus, a maritime city upon the Euxine 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 Euxine 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.....Departing hence, he went again to Amynsus and then...he purposed to return to Jerusalem” – the headquarters congregation..

“Whence after some time he betook himself...to the country of the Abasgi (a land of Caucasus).

hence he removed into....Asiatic Scythia or Sarmatia, but finding the inhabitants very barbarous and intractable, he stayed not long among them, only at Cherson, or Chersonesus, a great and populous city within the Bosphorus is the modern Crimeria), he continued some time, instructing and confirming them in the faith. Hence taking ship he sailed across the sea to Sinope, situated in Paplagonia” (pp. 137-138 of Cave’s Antiquitiesates Apostolicae).

Here we find Andrew preaching to the very areas in Asia Minor which Paul bypassed. From this region, and from Scythia north of the Black Sea, migrated the ancestors of the Scots and Anglo-Saxons, as we have already seen. They are the house of Israel – or else Andrew disobeyed his commission!

### **And the other Apostles?**

Simon “directed his journey toward Egypt, thence to Cyrene, and Africa... and throughout Mauretania and all Lybia, preaching the gospel...Nor could the coldness of the climate benumb his zeal, or hinder him from shipping himself and the right doctrine over to the western islands, yea even to Britain itself. Here he preached and had many miracles.”

Nicephorus and Dorotheus both wrote “that he went at least into Britain, and ....was crucified...and buried there” (Antiquitates Apostolicae, p 203).

Another of the 12 apostles is found preaching to the Lost Tribes of Israel in Britain and the West. But what is Simon the Zealot doing in North Africa? Were remnants of the House of Israel living there too? Had some fled westward in 721 B.C. at the time of the Assyrian conquest. Here is Geoffrey of Monmouth’s answer: “*The Saxon’s.....went unto Gormund, King of the Africans, in Ireland, wherein, adventuring thither with a vast fleet, he had conquered the folk of the country. Thereupon, by the treachery of the Saxons, he sailed across with a hundred and sixty thousand Africans into Britain...(and) laid waist, as hath been said, well-nigh the whole island with his countless thousands of Africans*”(book xi, sections 8, 10).

These countless thousands were not Berbers or Arabs. They were whites who came to Ireland from

North Africa and Mauritania, where Simon preached. These, declares the Universal History

(1748 – Vol. xviii, p 194), “gave out, that their ancestors were driven out of Asia by a powerful enemy, and pursued into Greece; from whence they made their escape” to North Africa. “But this... was to be understood only of the white

nation’s inhabiting some parts of western Barbary and Numidia.”

What white nation was driven from the western shores of Asia? The House of Israel! Their enemy?

The Assyrians! For almost three centuries after the time of Simon Zelotes they remained in Mauritania. They are not in N Africa today. They arrived in Britain after A.D. 449, the time of the Anglo-Saxon invasion.

### **And Ireland too**

Another of the apostles sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel was James, the son of Alphaeus. Some early writers were confused by the fact that two of the 12 apostles were named James. James, son of Alphaeus, was the one who left Israel after the first 12 years. The deeds of this apostle are sometimes mistakenly assigned to James, John’s brother. But that James had already been martyred by Herod (Acts 12:1)

Where did James, son of Alphaeus, preach? “The Spanish writers generally contend....after the death of Stephen he came to the western parts, and particularly into Spain (Some add Britain and Ireland). (Antiquitates Apostolicae, p.148).

Yet another apostle sent to the lost sheep of the House of Israel ends in the British Isles – Ireland as well as in Britain.

Even in Spain, James spent some time. From ancient time, Spain was the high road of migration from the eastern Mediterranean Sea to the British Isles. The ancient royal House of Ireland for a time dwelt in Spain. The prophet Jeremiah passed through Spain into Ireland with one of Zedekiah’s daughter’s (Jer 41: 10, 43: 6). Even today a vital part of the Iberian Peninsula – Gibraltar – belongs to the birthright tribe of Ephraim – the British.

From an old volume, published in 1674, by William Camden, we read: “The truth was planted

here most anciently by Joseph of Arimathea Simon Zelotes, Aristobulus, by St. Peter, and St. Paul, as

may be proved by Dorotheus, Theodorets and Sophronius" (remains of Britain, p. 5).

Paul is now included! "*I shall go by way of you to Spain*" (Romans 15: 28). Clement of Rome, in his letter to the Corinthians, confirms Paul's journey to the west. But did that include Britain?

St. Paul's salvation brought salvation to the isles that lie in the ocean" (book, on Psalm cxvi, p. 870).

The British Isles! Remember that the third and last part of Paul's commission, after he revealed Messiah to the kings and rulers at Rome, was to bear the name of Yahshua to "the children of Israel" (Acts 9: 15) – the Lost ten Tribes.

### **On the shores of the Caspian Sea**

James referred to Israel as scattered abroad. We have found them in Northwest Europe. And in North Africa, from whence they migrated into Ireland and Britain in the fifth century. And In northern Asia Minor, associated with the Assyrians. In A.D. 256 they migrated from the regions of the Black Sea to Denmark, thence into the British Isles in 449.

But remnants of the Lost Ten Tribes were yet in another vast region beyond the confines of the Roman Empire. That region was known as the Kingdom of Parthia.

The Parthians appear near the Caspian Sea around 700 B.C. as slaves of the Assyrians. "According to Diodorus, who probably followed Ctesias, they passed from the dominion of the Assyrians to that of the Medes, and from dependence upon the Medes to a similar position under the Persians"

(The Sixth Great Oriental Monarchy, p. 26, quoted from Diodorus Siculus, ii 2, # 3; 34, # 1 and # 6)..

The Parthians rose to power around 250 B.C. in the lands along the southern shores of the Caspian Sea. That was the land into which a major part of Israel was exiled! Some of the Lost Ten Tribes remained in the land of their captivity until A.D. 226, when the Persians defeated the Parthians.

When James wrote his letter about A.D.60 the world was at peace except for two regions – Britain were lands where the Israelites lived.

The Greek historian reveal that Thomas brought the Gospel to "Parthia, after which Sophronius and others inform us, that the preached the gospel to the

Medes, Persians, Carmans, Hyrcani, Bactrians, and the neighbor nations" (Antiquitates Apostolicae, p. 189). These lands we know today as Iran (Persia) and Afghanistan as far as western India. In apostolic days a major part of this region was subject to the Parthians.

Though certain Israelites had left the region already, multitudes remained behind, spread over adjoining territory. They lost their identity and became identified with the names of the districts in which they lived.

Josephus, the Jewish historian, was familiar with Parthia as a major dwelling place of the Ten Tribes. He declares: "*but then the entire body of the people of Israel (the Ten Tribes) remained in that country (they did not return to Israel); wherefore there are but two tribes in Asia and Europe subject to the ten tribes subject to the Romans, while the ten tribes are beyond Euphratis till now, and are an immense multitude, and not to be estimated by numbers*" (Antiquities of the Jews, book xi, chapter v, #2).

The very area to which Thomas sojourned was, reports Josephus, filled with uncounted multitudes of the Ten Tribes. Josephus was, apparently, unaware of those who had already migrated westward. But he does make it plain that only the House of Judah ever returned to Palestine. The House of Israel was: beyond Euphrates till now." Parthia was defeated by Persia in A. D. 226. Expelled from Parthia, the Ten Tribes and the Medes moved north of the Black Sea, into Scythia. (See R.G. Latham's The native Races of the Russian Empire, p. 216).

From there, around A.D. 256, the Ten Tribes migrated with their brethren from Asia Minor into Northwest Europe. Thomas also sojourned into northwest India, east of Persia, where the

“White Indians” dwelt, who have since, like the Frisians earlier in 330 B.C., migrated from India far to the northwest.

Bartholomew shared, with Thomas, the same vast Plains, according to Nicephorus. Bartholomew also spent part of his time in neighbouring Armenia and a

portion of Upper Phrygia in Asia Minor. This was the same district to which Andrew carried the gospel and to which Peter sent two of his letters.

Jude, also named Lebbaeus Thaddaeus, had part in the ministry in Assyria and Mesopotamia. That is part of Pharthia which Josephus designated as still inhabited by the ten Tribes the Partian kingdom, which included remnants of the Ten Tribes, possessed Assyria and Mesopotamia during most of the New Testament period.

Scythia and Upper Asia, (Meaning Asia Minor) were the regions assigned to Philip (see Cave’s Antiquities Apostolicae., p. 168).

Scythia was the name of the vast plain north of the Black and Caspian seas. To this region a great colony of Israelites migrated after the fall of the Persian Empire in 331. 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.

Interestingly, the word Scythia, in Celtic, has the same meaning that Hebrew does in Semitic – a “migrant” or “wanderer”. Hosea 9:17 says ***Ephraim will be a wanderer among the nations.***

Matthew, metaphrastes tells us, “went first into Parthia, and having successfully planted the truth in those parts, thence traveled into Aethiopia, that is, the Asiatic Aethiopia, that is, the Asiatic Aethioopia, lying near to India” (Antiquitates Apostolicee, p. 182).

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 the Assyrians settled the Israelite captives.

From there prophecy reveals they migrated to northwest Europe in the sixth century. Dorotheus declares Matthew was buried at Hierapolis in Parthia. Ethiopic and Greek sources designate Dacia (modern Romania) and Macedonia, north of Greece, as part of the ministry of Matthias. Dacia was the extreme western part of Scythia. From Dacia came the Normans who settled in Scandinavia, France and Britain.

The French tradition that Mary, the mother of Yahshua, journeyed to Gaul (modern France) lends weight to John’s having been in Gaul in his earlier years. Paul knew Gaul on his way from Italy to Spain (Ro 15: 24, 28).

## Emotional Maturity (reprint)



Do you feel deeply about things or circumstances that are moving or important? Did you ever check your emotional responses to know whether you have emotional maturity and stability?

Most people give little or no thought to this matter of their emotions. We humans start life as little babies. But to fulfil life's real purpose and mission, we must grow up not only physically, but mentally, spiritually and emotionally.

Did you ever stop to realize how many people think primarily only of attaining physical maturity?

But what about spiritual development?

The average person, the world around, automatically accepts the established religion of his parents and of his country. Why are most Chinese Buddhists or Confucians? Why do most of the Japanese embrace Shintoism or Buddhism? Why do most Arab peoples follow the Moslem religion – most Jews follow Judaism – most Italians, Spaniards and French, as well as South Americans, embrace Roman Catholicism

How many give real thought to why they believe the religious ideas they hold sacred? How many of these hundreds of millions of people ever give serious thought to spiritual growth? Yet no person attains true maturity unless he attains spiritual maturity, as well as physical growth.  
But fewer still ever give so much as a passing thought to the need for emotional development. Just what do you mean – emotional maturity? Few know the meaning of the term. Yet it is one of the real secrets of human happiness.

But, if no one is truly grown up – really mature – until he attains not only physical, mental and

spiritual maturity as well, where will you find it taught? Few will ever teach it to themselves. No one is born with it. It must be learned – developed. We need, continually, to realize that we are born as helpless little babes, knowing nothing at birth.

Ever see a little calf born? The mother cow doesn't go to a hospital to have her young delivered by an obstetrical physician, attended by white-capped and gowned nurses. The little calf comes into the world by an instinctive, natural process. Almost immediately it struggles to its feet. It finds its legs a little wobbly – but in a few minutes it stands on all four. No one teaches it to walk – and it doesn't have to wait a year to learn. It starts walking at once. No one teaches it where to go – it knows! It has instinct built automatically in its brain. It goes after its dinner.

The infant has something the animals do not possess – human mind. Humans, however, have to grow up. They have to learn – to be taught. And one of the basics things every human needs so vitally to learn is the right use of the human emotions. Yet most people never give thought to controlling emotions with the mind.

But our emotions need to be understood, taught, trained and controlled by the mind!  
Our minds were given us for a purpose!

Where is the logical and proper place to begin such training? It ought to be taught to 1-3 and 6 year olds, and in the school. That means this teaching ought first to be taught by parents in the home. But how can parents teach children when they themselves are still emotionally immature? How can schoolteachers disseminate what they have never learned themselves?

Just what is emotional maturity? One author defines it this way: development from a state of taking to a state of giving and sharing. There's

also a spiritual principle involved – development from natural impulses and responses of human nature to the principle of loving one's neighbour as oneself. Few realize it's a recipe for happiness. **It is something that must be learned – by the mind – and developed by self-discipline.** As I said, it's something you were not born with.

Human nature is totally contrary to it.

Yahweh's law is based on the giving principle. Its basis is love, and love is outgoing concern. Human nature is a magnet – a pull – in the direction of self. But the way of Yahweh's law, which is the way to peace, happiness and everything good – ah, that is a way humans must be taught. Giving sharing serving helping have to be learned.

But humans are equipped with emotions. And, from babyhood, all humans are educated more or less by their emotions. Emotions are feelings – disturbances – departures from a calm state of rational thinking and acting. Emotion is an impulse toward action or expressing of feeling, unapproved – unless taught and controlled otherwise – by the mind. Among the emotions are such feelings or expressions as fear, anger, resentment, jealousy, hatred, grief, sorrow, surprise, desire, elation, joy.

Emotions have a first cousin- our moods. The emotionally immature usually are moody, and have not learned to control their moods.

More and more I am impressed with a most important truth we humans are prone to overlook. While animals are guided by instinct into the course intended for them by our Creator, man is given powers and potentialities infinitely higher. The spirit in man imparts to the brain the powers of the human mind – an intellectual and even spiritual quality.

Man was put on earth to develop and attain to something infinitely higher. Man was intended to develop spiritual character – to become like the supreme YAHWEH. This all comes through the marvellous human mind. One comes to knowledge of YAHWEH through the mind. One realizes sin and repents of it in the mind! Elohim's spirit entering is the spirit of a sound mind.

Not only spiritual development, but also emotional maturity is developed through the mind. It comes by right knowledge, creative thinking, right

decisions, the use of will, self discipline. To rightly direct his actions is man's purpose in life.

Yet most people allow themselves to act thoughtlessly on impulse, with feelings, moods, and emotions being swayed and buffeted into troubles, tragedies and sufferings through irrational actions.

I once knew a tragic example. It was a man highly educated, a teacher who readily assumed the responsibility of teaching youths when he himself had never learned this central truth of life.

His mind was stored with knowledge about things – geology, astronomy, mathematics, literature – but he had acquired little knowledge about himself, his moods, feelings, drives, impulses, desires. As a child he had been pampered, petted and spoiled, permitted to have his own way. He had not been taught self-restraint, self control or how intelligently to divert his moods and desires, and guide them according to wisdom.

He was married to a beautiful intelligent wife, had a fine family, an honoured position. But when he allowed feelings, impulses and moods to lead his actions instead of sound judgment and wisdom of mind, his home was broken by divorce, and in the grip of his moods and tendency to run from his problems instead of facing and solving them, he fled in blind fear from his high position and brilliant future. He wrecked not only his own happiness, but his marriage and his home, and he forced great sorrow, suffering and unhappiness on many others.

He had allowed his emotions and moods, instead of his mind, to lead his actions. He had come to see circumstances through the eyes of his feelings, and his understanding had become warped and distorted. He had grown up physically. He had developed mentally. But emotionally he was still a very young child and,

as sad accompaniment, his spiritual age was no older.

One is not really mature until emotionally and spiritually grown – up, as well as physically and mentally. Parents should realize it is their responsibility to study their own children – teach them right direction and control over tempers, impulses, feelings, angers, moods. Teach giving instead of taking.

But emotional maturity does not mean emotionless maturity. The truly emotionally mature control the emotions they do not anesthetize them! They do express, at the right time, in proper degree, enthusiasm, happiness joy. They do feel deep gratitude for blessings and also they deeply feel reverence, adoration, in the worship of YAHWEH. They sincerely feel compassion toward others – a feeling of true outgoing concern. They express sympathy and have mercy.

Emotional maturity does not crucify emotions – it controls and guides them with right knowledge and true wisdom. Emotional maturity develops hand in hand with physical, mental and spiritual growth – the four blending, finally, into the perfect spiritual character that is the true human destiny and the very purpose of life. It can bring very great and rewarding and lasting happiness.

Now, finally, let me describe the three categories into which people generally and thoughtlessly fall. And then let us see a few examples of the correct use of the emotions.

First, many, let themselves go to an emotional extreme. They are mere babes emotionally. It never occurs to them to put any check or control on their emotions. They became highly emotional over inconsequential things. If these people drove their automobiles as they guide – or fail to guide – their emotions, their cars would run wild and create disaster.

Their feelings are worn on their shirt cuffs. They are upset over trifles. Their tempers fly, uncontrolled. They flatter, they gush, they exaggerate their compliments and their praise of

others. They gossip, they slander, they speak evil of others behind their backs. They continually feel jealousy or excessive jubilation.

Some religious sects deliberately attract the overly emotional. In religious meetings their preachers work on the emotions of their congregations, encouraging uncontrolled outbursts of emotional response. They work it up – they generate increasingly energetic and noisy displays of out of control emotions.

But Yahshua set no such example. Nor did any of Yahshua's own apostle's.

Then there are those who go to the opposite extreme. Often these are the intellectuals and the highly educated – though usually miseducated. They have controlled emotions with their minds to the extend that their emotions have been stifled and put to death. They no longer feel deeply about anything. They are utterly devoid of real sincerity, any depth of gratitude, any feeling of compassion or real sympathy. Their emotions never grew up to maturity – their emotions died in infancy.

Then there is the middle ground, equally unprofitable and tragic. These are those who neither choke off their emotions with mental control nor exhort energy generating them. They are just listless – indifferent. They feel no purpose in life.. They have no ambition. They have no spark.

They do not radiate – they are like dead fish. In an introduction to another, they extend a cold, clammy hand with no grip to their hand. They merely let you grip their hand – and it's like taking hold of a damp, dead fish. They have no personality. There is not enough life in them to generate any noticeable emotional response.

Which of these three are you? If you are any of them, you are wrong.

Now look at some examples! Where will you go to find the right teaching on emotional response? You'll find it where you find the true ways of life – in Yahweh's word to man!

The bible teaches us that our relationship with YAHWEH must completely dominate our lives – until it simply is our life! It teaches us to feel deeply, though always in control about, about it.

Look at Yahweh's instruction through Joel. A tremendous worldwide time of trouble is now generating – such as the world has never experienced before. Joel prophesied the coming famine and disease epidemics. He foretold the plagues of the “Day of YAHWEH.” He foretold the next, and nuclear, all-out world war – the most frightful trouble ever to be experienced by man.

Then YAHWEH inspired Joel to instruct us how to escape and find protection. Does he say we should go through some routine motions, repeat some prayer already written to us, which we recite without feeling or emotion? No never! Here is what he says: “Now therefore, said YAHWEH, turn to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping and with mourning.” So rend your heart, and not your garments return to Yahweh your Elohim, for He is a gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness... Let the priests, who minister to YAHWEH, weep....let them say “Spare your people, O YAHWEH and do not give your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them”.... YAHWEH will answer” (Joel2: 12-19).

YAHWEH says we should turn to Him in dead earnest – fasting, rending our hearts – in deepest in deepest real feeling. This is no thoughtless giving way to uncontrolled emotion. This is full mental realization of purpose – of need – and, with deepest intense feeling, seeking YAHWEH with all our strength and might. The key is using normal Elohim given emotion, according to a given situation, without allowing satan, the master of immaturity, to manipulate our uncontrolled emotions by our own lack of self control.

In correcting Israel for their manner of indifferent prayers, YAHWEH says of Israel, “They never put their heart into their prayers” (Hos 7: 14, Moffatt).

Yahshua gave us an example of two men praying, the one a respected Pharisee, the other a hated tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed, without emotions or feeling, in his own self esteem and vanity: “YAHWEH , I thank You that I am not like the other man – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I possess.”

The other, pounding his breast in earnest, heart rendering, deep feeling remorse and repentance, choked with emotion, could only say, amidst his tears, :”YAHWEH be merciful to me a sinner!”

Of this latter, Yahshua said, “I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other” – the self exalting Pharisee (Lk 18: 9-14).

Yahshua is our example. Can you comprehend what extreme, deep feeling Yahshua experienced when He looked out over the city of Jerusalem, whose deceived, erring, wrongdoing people He loved, and cried out: “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!” (Matt 23: 37). Here was emotion expressed. But it was intelligent expression of feeling – not unthinking, unguided sensual impulse. It was filled with deep meaning.

Of course Yahshua had the divine power; He could have gathered the people of Jerusalem to bring by force! But, had he brought them to Him by force, His whole purpose of character building by free choice and free moral agency would have been defeated – so He willed that they, themselves should make their own decisions. And He was grieved through His whole being that they rejected truth and happiness and salvation and eternal life, and chose curses and suffering and death.

Should we ever feel deeply about things? Yahshua did! Just before the Judas led murdering mob came to lead Him to trial and death, Yahshua went apart from His disciples and prayed: “And being in agony, He prayed

more earnestly. And His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground” (Lk 22: 44).

If we do learn to live by “***every word of YAHWEH***” – by Yahwehs instruction book – we will learn to guide emotions intelligently – but we shall not suppress them, , neither let them run rampant and uncontrolled where they ought not.

Yahshua, at age 33, was the most perfectly developed man, physically and emotionally, who ever lived. He was fully mature, these four blending harmoniously into the one perfect whole man. Let us study Yahshua’s life, follow His example, life as He lived. And let us begin, now to train our children as early as possible in the art of growing up emotionally!

# Does Yahweh work within Human Government?

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We are living in one of the most incredible times in the history of mankind. After almost 6,000 years of rebellion and sin, Yahweh is getting ready, through His right arm (Yahshua) to bring His government and Kingdom back to this earth to rule for the 1,000 year millennium, and then make a new earth forever.

We must realize that back in the Garden of Eden Yahweh's government was present on this earth through His eternal Torah, which is His very character, and even His very presence was in the Garden of Eden itself. You can go to our website at [www.coYahweh.com](http://www.coYahweh.com) and see an article named "*Where is the garden of Eden*" and it shows biblical, geographical, and geological evidence that clearly the Garden of Eden was in Jerusalem, and also Mount Moriyah, the very Mountain of Yahweh that He chose on this earth to dwell in. You can also download a teaching that I gave at Sukkot 2006 on this subject.

But when satan deceived Adam and Eve and they chose the way of satan over the way of Yahweh in the Garden of Eden, Yahweh took His government away from the earth until the time that He would restore it back to Jerusalem (Eden) through His Son Yahshua.

**Dan 9:24 *Seventy weeks are decreed as to your people, and as to your holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make atonement for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.***

That is why we are told to pray in the Master's prayer "*Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven*". The Kingdom of Yahweh will fully manifest itself in Jerusalem and cover all the earth at the beginning of the millennial rule of Messiah.

Even Yahshua Himself recognized/knew that satan had been given authority over the nations until His Kingdom would come.

**Mat 4:8 Again the devil takes Him to a very high mountain, and shows to Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.**

**Mat 4:9 And he said to Him. I will give all these things to You if falling down, You will worship me.**

**Mat 4:10 Then Yahshua said to him, Go, satan! For it has been written: "You shall worship Yahweh your Elohim, and you shall serve Him only.**

Notice that Yahshua did not question the authority of satan over all the gentile nations of the world. Yahweh had given satan this authority over the kingdoms of man because of his rebellion to Yahweh and His laws, Except for one place! To the nation of Israel, and the original Garden of Eden in Jerusalem, they have always been in the control of Yahweh, and it is the place that Yahweh chose to dwell out of all the earth and is not in the control of satan the devil but is the city of the Great King (Mat 5:32). The only time that satan will be allowed to control Jerusalem will be during the 42 month reign of the beast power in Revelation 13.

**1Ki 11:36 And I will give one tribe to his son, that there may be a lamp to My servant David before Me all the days in Jerusalem the city that I have chosen to Myself, to put My name there.**

When Adam and Eve sinned they were cast outside of Eden and given over to satans world, but Yahweh had Cherubs guarding His Holy Place because he may have given jurisdiction to satan to the worldly nations, but not to the one nation that He chose out of all the world to redeem mankind back to Him, through the seed of Abraham and the family of Israel.

**Gen 3:24 And He drove the man out. And He lodged the cherubs at the east of the Garden of Eden, and the flaming sword whirling around to guard the way of the Tree of Life.**

The Heavenly Father in His ultimate mercy chose Israel, and in particular Jerusalem , the very place that Adam sinned, that His Son would redeem mankind back to Him and He would be crucified on a tree in the very place that Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit.

Israel has always been off limits to satan and is the very place that Yahweh has physically chose to dwell, and still dwells in the end time.

**Joe 2:32 For it shall be, all who shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be saved. For salvation shall be in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, as Yahweh has said, and among the survivors whom Yahweh shall call.**

So, where time and chance happens to all nations, it does not happen to the nation of Israel. Every single event that has ever befallen the nation of Israel has been perfectly timed by Yahweh's eternal plan; everything from the original covenant of Abraham, to the nation of Israel coming out of Egypt, to the first appearing of the Messiah to the earth, born in Bethlehem.

Also, Judah's captivity by Babylon was exactly timed to be 70 years until they would return and even the name of the pagan, King Cyrus, who would be used by Yahweh to bring them back to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple.

So why would we think it is any different in the end times? Israel had to be a sovereign nation again in these end times for prophecy to be fulfilled, and the creating of the state of Israel in 1948 was the very beginning of the last generation.

**Psa 102:15 So nations shall fear the name of Yahweh, and all the kings of the earth Your glory.**

**Psa 102:16 When Yahweh shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory.**

Very clearly, until Zion is rebuilt the Messiah will not return, and who is this written to?

**Psa 102:18 This shall be written for last generation, and people to be created shall praise Yahweh.**

And who are these people to be created in verse 18, they are none others than the two sticks of Judah and Ephraim that the Messiah joins together in Ezekiel the 37<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Also, from scripture, just as it was prophesied exactly when Judah would return back to the land, it was prophesied that also the northern tribes of Israel would also return back to their promised land.

**Eze 36:24 For I will take you from the nations and gather you out of all the lands and bring you into your land.**

**Jer 31:1 At that time, says Yahweh, I will be the Elohim of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people.**

That is what makes what is happening here in Israel today so exciting. It is prophecy being fulfilled. To have the government elected officials of the only nation on earth, Israel, that has not been given over to the control of satan, prophetically come out and say we recognize you as our brothers and we want to help to start to make conditions to bring you home is nothing short of a miracle and another sign of how close we are to the end.

Now, some have naively made statements such as why would Yahweh need worldly elected leaders to bring back the tribes of Israel, why wouldn't He do this Himself?

But anyone who has made such statements has never really read their bible closely. Look at Yahweh taking Israel out of Egypt! Why on earth would He need Pharaoh's permission to do this? Why would He have to have Moses go and ask and plead 10 times to let Israel go? Why wouldn't Yahweh simply just take the people who were His to His promised land?

Why would He need Cyrus, a pagan emperor's help to bring His people back to rebuild the temple? Why also would He need Queen Ester to plead the life of His people Judah to a pagan Persian King? Why not simply save the Jews Himself?

The answers to all these questions are all the same and quite simple; Yahweh is supreme Elohim over all creation and nothing is done outside of His will, but he also uses His created, Human subjects to perform His will.

**Dan 4:17 This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the command by the word of the holy ones, so that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever He will. And He sets up over it the lowest of men.**

Yes, satan does have jurisdiction over all nations in this world excluding the nation of Israel, who Yahweh chose, but even satan can only work within the will and plan of Yahweh. There is nothing that goes unnoticed by Him, and as satan and his worldly corrupted leaders scheme against the Most High Yahweh, ***He laughs at them from the Heavens (Ps 2:2-4)***.

And let us not forget that the modern nation of Israel was created by the satanic United Nations back in 1948, but it was also the tool that Yahweh used to bring Judah back home, according to prophecy of scripture.

So to diminish in any way the great miracle that is currently taking place through the soon to be, new government of Israel, in recognizing who the lost tribes are, is actually denying the very end time work of our Heavenly Father.

**Isa 48:20 Go out of Babylon; flee from the Chaldeans. Tell this with the voice of rejoicing; let this be heard, let it go out to the end of the earth; say, Yahweh has redeemed His servant Jacob.**

In the end Yahweh is rebuilding Zion not Babylon and Yahweh has sovereignty over this great Holy land of promise, and He is the one who sets up and he is the one who takes down, and clearly scripture tells us that we

are to obey the governmental authority that Yahweh has placed over us, as long as it doesn't force us to compromise with His word.

**Rom 13:1** Let every soul be subject to higher authorities, **for there is no authority except from Yahweh, but the existing authorities have been ordained by Yahweh.**

**Rom 13:2** **So that the one resisting authority has opposed the ordinance of Yahweh, and the ones opposing will receive judgment to themselves.**

**Rom 13:3** For the rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the bad. And do you desire not to fear the authority? Do the good, and you will have praise from it;

**Rom 13:4** **for it is a servant of Yahweh to you for the good.** But if you practice evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword in vain; for it is a servant of Yahweh, an avenger for wrath to the *one* practicing bad *things*.

Every leader that has ever been over the nation of Israel has been appointed and allowed by Yahweh, and He will bless those that obey Him and curse those who do not. If you read the books of Kings and Chronicles you will see many stories of this cause and effect in ancient times. And even today if you look at any modern Israel leader who tried to give away Yahweh's Promised Land He has not even survived throughout the year.

It is also very interesting that as Yahweh had to weed out the corrupt shepherds in Babylon before he allowed me to partake in this great piece of history, currently being undertaken with the World Biblical Zionists and the Likud party, as He also had to weed out all the corrupt Likud politicians, who wanted to give away the land and voted for the Gaza disengagement and started the Kadima party.

Many of these man risked their whole political careers and did not take the temptations of mammon when the newly formed Kadima party started several years ago, and many of these men whom I have personally spoke with, know that bible prophesies are now being fulfilled through them. Yahweh was separating the wheat from the chaff with Kadima, as He is also doing in His congregation today.

Will Benjamin Netanyahu be faithful to the word of Yahweh and stand in the gap for his people Israel? Time will shortly tell and Yahweh will either bless him for obedience or take away his position if he is not faithful to his word. But I do find it quite interesting that Benjamin Netanyahu is written several times in the bible code and also his very name means "gift of Yahweh". We will soon see, but as Yahweh's covenant people we should be submitting to the powers that Yahweh is putting in place as long as it is not compromising with His word. There are exciting days ahead, what a welcome home party we will have this Shavuot!

# Shavuot 09- WELCOME HOME EPHRAIM !

The nation of Israel went into Diaspora almost 2,730 years ago due to their disobedience to Yahweh's Torah, but it was prophesied that when their captivity was over that Yahweh would gather them from all the nations and bring them back to their own land.

***Amo 9:14 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.***

***Amo 9:15 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.***

We are living in these exciting days. In conjunction with the ending of Israel's captivity and the preparation for their homecoming, we are sponsoring a gigantic Homecoming celebration **this next Shavuot 09**.

We will have an official welcome from a government official who will speak to the pilgrims and welcome them. We will also have a march of all the returning pilgrims in the very first land that the 12 tribes originally entered, in the Golan Heights region. We plan on having banners from all 12 tribes to participate in this march for a united Israel. This is going to be a worldwide event with much national and international media present.

On your arrival we will spend the first 2 days in the dessert area, and reflect as a people, what brought on our captivity. Then we will arrive in Jerusalem for Shabbat and Shavuot celebration, and then continue our pilgrimage through the Holy Land back up north, to the very land of the Northern tribes. This will indeed be a once in a lifetime experience to be among the very first Ephraimites to be welcomed home after so many years in Diaspora.

You will get to see the Negev and the Dead Sea, and most important Beer Sheva, where our father Abraham started the very covenant of Israel with Yahweh. You will also get to see Caesarea, Mount Carmel, where Elijah fought the priests of Baal, the Golan Heights, as well as Tel Dan, the most northern and most beautiful land of our forefathers, as well as Nazareth and also go to biblical theme villages and learn how daily life was for our ancestors.

We are trying to get brethren to come from the four corners of the earth to this one time, historical, special event. Due to the drop of the dollar and the rise in gas prices, tourist prices have doubled and even tripled in Israel over the last year or so, but we have been blessed by Yahweh to secure a special price for the whole 10 day celebration from May 26<sup>th</sup> through June 4<sup>th</sup>, for **only \$2,299 dollars INCLUDING AIRFARE**. But this price is

only secured to the pilgrims who sign up and send in their **deposits by January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.** We can only secure this price until then; after that the price will go **up to \$2699.** So get you application in today and come with us and experience what Yahweh is doing in Israel in these end times. Get full information and applications at [www.coYHWH.com](http://www.coYHWH.com).