

## Transcript – The Birthright and the Scepter

Alrighty, Shabbat Shalom and Shabbat Shalom to those who are watching with us today. Today we are going to be going over ... it's kind of part two. It's a different name to the message, but it's a part two of the message we did the last time on the tribes of Israel; and this one gets into a little bit deeper in certain promises that are given to the tribes. So the name of the message is, *The Birthright and the Scepter ... The Birthright and the Scepter*.

And you know it's interesting when you look in Scripture, and I always say this, find Yahweh's pattern and Yahweh's pattern never changes, right? But beside Yahweh's pattern, we also see other patterns in Scripture. We see things that are going on, things that are happening; and one of the patterns we see is a striving with brothers. Not necessarily every single time, but many times we see it. Such as: Cain and Abel, Ishmael and Isaac, Jacob and Esau, and Judah and Joseph, what we're going to talk about today.

So why is this striving happening? There's different reasons why it happens in different circumstances, but particularly the one we're going to go over mainly today is the striving between the tribe of Judah, and the tribe of Joseph – the two brothers that started, because of these two promises; the birthright and the scepter promise.

So we'll go over first what these two are because birthright promise basically is the promise to the firstborn, right? When you look at a family, even when Joseph his brothers came to him, remember they sell him into slavery. We'll go over that in a little bit, not so much, but a little bit on that because of Judah's involvement, but then when they come and they're sitting before Joseph, what does it say? They all sat in order, judicial order, from the oldest to the youngest.

So today in especially western society a lot of tradition and a lot of things have gone out the window, but this is something that's very important in the Bible, is the birthright promise; the promise to the firstborn. The firstborn has a special promise there of preeminence and also double blessing as we'll see; and then the promise of the scepter. What is the scepter? The scepter is the rod, so the promise of kingship. So that promise also goes through a certain tribe that's there. So we'll talk about these two promises – **the birthright to Joseph, and the scepter to Judah**. So let's start first with the scepter, just to show you what it is ... Micah 5 in verse 2 ... Micah 5 in verse 2 says:

**Micah 5:2** *And you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, 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.*

So where is the Messiah coming out of? He's coming out of Bethlehem. He's coming out of Bethlehem as one of the tribes of Judah ... *and among the thousands of Judah, out of you He shall come forth to Me the One being ruler in Israel*. So that's the promise that's there going back to the book of Micah, that the Messiah would come out of the tribe of Judah. If we look in 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7, what we'll see is it's *not just* to Judah but particularly to one person of the tribe of Judah, who was King David. So 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7 in verse 11, I'm going to start just in the second part of the verse, it says:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:11** *And YAHWEH declares to you that YAHWEH will make you a house.*

**Comment:** He's talking to King David now and He's telling him what's going to happen. And when He says He will make you a house, He's not just talking about a physical sanctuary; which Solomon did make, but He's talking about a dynasty; a house being a dynasty, right? And He says ...

**2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:12-13** *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 loins, and I will establish his kingdom ... and many people, particularly Jews, think this is talking about Solomon, right? But look what He says, He says ... He shall build a house for My Name, and I shall establish the throne of his kingdom forever.*

**Comment:** Did Yahweh establish the throne of King Solomon forever? No, matter of fact, Solomon was the only King in that dynasty that was established there. As we'll see because of Solomon's sins, the Kingdom was divided directly after Solomon; and only, was it for David's sake, as Yahweh said that He didn't do it during Solomon's life. So this is a Messianic prophecy. This is talking about the Son of David who of course became Yahshua, and His eternal Kingdom.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:14-16** *He shall build a house for My Name, and I shall establish the throne of his kingdom forever ... And we'll see that later in the message of the Messiah doing that ... I shall be a father to him, and he will be a son to Me ... who is the Son of Elohim? The Son of Yahweh is Yahshua ... If He takes iniquity upon Himself ... which Yahshua did ... then I will chasten him with a rod of men ... and Yahweh allowed that...and with strokes of the sons of men. But My mercy will not be taken from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And **your house** ... He's talking to David now. His house, his **dynasty**, his Kingdom ... shall be sure ... meaning it can't change, it's eternal ... and your kingdom before me forever. Your throne shall be established forever.*

So very, very clearly here we see that even though there were problems during the reigns of the kings, and like I said, right after Solomon Yahweh took ... divided the kingdoms there as we're going to see, and we went over in the last message. I'm not going to go over too much of that today. But what we see is we see that as far as the scepter promise being to Judah, there might be possibilities of it switching at a time, but overall, **it would stay with Judah forever**, because of King David and of course, Yahshua, who also was the Son of David, came from there. If we go to Genesis 49 in verse 10 ... Genesis 49 in verse 10 ... another Messianic prophecy:

**Genesis 49:10** *The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the lawmaker from between his feet, until He comes to whom it belongs (Shiloh) ... is the Hebrew word there ... until Shiloh comes and the obedience of the people to him.*

So again, this is a Messianic prophecy talking about the scepter not departing from Judah until the King comes, who it belongs to, who is Yahshua. So that's the scepter promise. And like I said, the scepter was the promise was to Judah; and then through specifically to the line of David. And that's why even today any Jew knows the Messiah must be born as the Son of David because there are many Jewish lines and many Jewish lineages, but it has to come through David.

So how about the birthright now? Like we said, the birthright, it's **the promise to the firstborn**. And now even though, I will say these promises are although ... they are eternal ... the promise of the birthright and the promise of the scepter are eternal promises, they'll never go away. They are conditional to people though. So to the specific people that have these promises, you can lose these promises; and that's why we see the striving of brothers, right? When we're looking at Cain and Abel, and Isaac and Ishmael, and Jacob and Esau, particularly; because Esau was the first born, but he gave up his birthright over to Jacob. So **these promises can be lost** through negligence, as we see with Esau; or sin, or other things. So and maybe that's a good message, I did it a long time ago that I could again, the importance of the birthright holder, that we understand that because today as Ephraimites, as we're going to see, each one of us is a first-fruit. We're a birthright holder.

So it's a really important promise for inheritance and also preeminence in the family; and like I said, the double blessing. So who does the birthright belong to? 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 5 ... 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 5 ... because was Joseph the oldest son? No, Reuven was the oldest son, but Reuven disqualified himself from the birthright as we're going to see here.

**1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 5:1-2** *And the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel (for he was the firstborn; but since he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given over to the sons of Joseph, the sons of Israel; and the genealogy is not to be counted according to the birthright; for Judah prevailed among his brothers, and the chief ruler comes from him, but the birthright belongs to Joseph);*

So again, genealogy as we know if you look in **Matthew 1** or **Luke 4** the genealogy of Yahshua comes through what? It comes through the scepter promise, so it comes through Judah. But the birthright belongs to Joseph.

Now why, Joseph's not the second oldest brother, why when Reuven disqualified himself from the birthright, why didn't it go to the next born? Why did it go to Joseph? Because actually, **Joseph was the firstborn**, because the covenant that Jacob made with Laban for his wife was for Rachel, it was not for Leah. And then we know what happened when the marriage came that Laban switched the wives and he gave Leah over and said, "Well, she's the oldest and that's not the way it's done here." But that was never who was covenant with that was never what was promised there. So technically, really the first wife and the covenant wife of Jacob was Rachel. And that's why when Reuven, who was his physical firstborn, was disqualified. The birthright promise went back to the original owner of it who was Joseph because Joseph was the firstborn of Rachel and then we know she died in childbirth when she was giving birth to Benjamin. Next here, we see if we go to Genesis 37 ... Genesis 37, the second verse ... I'll just read the beginning of it. And this is when Joseph was being sold into slavery, what does it say? It says:

**Genesis 37:2a** *These are the generations of Jacob ... so these are his generations, meaning this is he's going to tell who is the birthright holder and he says ... Joseph, a son of seventeen years, was feeding the flock with his brothers,*

So the birthright holder, the firstborn of Jacob, clearly is Joseph. There's no doubt about that. We see it here. So how about some of the promises to the firstborn? Let's go to Deuteronomy 21 in verse 15 ... because like I said, it's an extremely important blessing, the blessing of the firstborn ... Deuteronomy 21 in verse 15:

**Deuteronomy 21:15-167** *If a man has two wives, the one loved, and the other hated; and they have borne him sons, both the loved ones and the hated ones; and if the firstborn son was of her who was hated, then it shall be, in the day that he causes his sons to inherit that which was 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.*

**Comment:** So that's why I said, it's not arbitrary. You simply can't pick because you like one son over another to give that son. Now granted, like I said before, and we see it in Scripture, the firstborn can disqualify himself and then the other son would take the firstborn promise; but you just can't arbitrarily take it away. He says:

**Deuteronomy 21:17** *But he shall respect 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 now we see here, wow, double blessing that comes in, right? And what does Ephraim mean, as we're going to see ... Ephraim ... because Ephraim has the right of the firstborn, as we're going to see as we go here. We talked about this the last time, that Ephraim represents not just one tribe or the tribe of Joseph, but **Ephraim will represent all of the Northern tribes**; and Ephraim actually means double ...'double blessing, double fruitfulness. So that's an important blessing that comes, right? **The right of the firstborn has the double portion** preeminence.

So now let's go to Genesis 48 and let's see how Ephraim becomes the firstborn holder; because was Ephraim actually the firstborn? No, Manasseh was, but Jacob under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we're going to see what happens here. We're not sure what Manasseh did to disqualify himself, but and he was also blessed the same way that Esau was still blessed even though he disqualified himself; but Ephraim is going to be given the firstborn blessing and the right of the firstborn. So Genesis 48 and we're going to start in verse 3:

**Genesis 48:3-5** *And Jacob said to Joseph, El Shaddai 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 give 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.*

And I think most people don't understand this what Jacob is saying. That literally, he is *adopting* the two sons of Joseph – Ephraim and Manasseh, **to be his own**. So they are *literally becoming* part of the twelve tribes of Israel. And that's why Joseph, who was the firstborn who got the double blessing, he winds up having two sons now. So now there's not twelve tribes, there's thirteen tribes; and we see even in the allotment of the tribes, right? There's an allotment for Manasseh, and there's an allotment for Ephraim; and actually Manasseh's allotment was split, half on the one side of the Jordan, half on the other side of the Jordan. But this is really important to understand now because they are literally now **grafted in and adopted into the twelve tribes**; which are now going to be thirteen tribes, because two tribes for Joseph. So now drop down to verse 7 ... so that's the double blessing that Joseph is getting ... drop down to verse 7 ... we'll continue here:

**Genesis 48:7-11** *And I, when I came from Padan, Rachel died on me in the land of Canaan in the way, with only a little way to come to Ephrath. And I buried her there in the way to Ephrath, it being Bethlehem. And Israel saw the sons of Joseph, and he said, Who are these? And Joseph said to his father, They are my sons, whom Elohim has given to me here. And he said, Now bring them to me and I will bless them. And the eyes of Israel were heavy from age, he not being able to see. And he brought them near to him. And he kissed them and embraced them. And Israel said to Joseph, I did not think to see your face, and, behold, Elohim has caused me to see your seed.*

**Genesis 48:12-16** *And Joseph brought them out from his knees; and he bowed his face to the earth. And Joseph took both of them, Ephraim in his right hand, to the left of Israel; and Manasseh in his left hand, to the right of Israel. And he brought them to him. And Israel sent forth his right hand and put it on the head of Ephraim; and he was 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 fishes grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth ... Right, so here it is, he's adopting them too and now he's giving the blessing.*

**Genesis 48:17-19** *And Joseph saw that his father was putting his right hand on the head of Ephraim; and it was evil in his eyes. And he took hold of his father's hand **to turn it** from Ephraim's head to the head of Manasseh. And Joseph said to his father, Not so, my father! For this one is the firstborn; **put your right hand on his head** ... Right, the right hand because the right hand is the hand of strength, that goes to the firstborn. And look what he says ... *And his father refused and said, I know, my son, I know. He also shall be a people, and he shall become great. But his younger brother shall become greater than he, and his seed ... the seed of Ephraim ... shall become the fullness of the nations.**

That's exactly how it says in the original Masoretic text, the original manuscripts of Scripture in the Hebrew. It's not always translated correctly in English, but this is the way it should be, *his seed shall become the fullness of the nations*. And why is this important? It's important because when we go to the book of Romans, Romans 11 verse 25, because remember we said the last time; Romans 9, 10, 11 are all about what? It's all about the redemption of the tribes ... and remember what it said in verse 15:

**Romans 11:15** *if there casting away ... the tribes ... is the reconciliation of the world ... Remember we said that? By them going out in diaspora, it gave opportunity for salvation to the whole world because as the disciples and the apostles would go all around the world seeking the sons of Israel, anybody of any race or creed can join the New Covenant ... *what will the restoration be except life from the dead?**

And here we are the last generation and the tribes are being restored, and where the first time in thousands of years understanding that we are Ephraimites and Israelites. And now we know that means the resurrection is going to happen and even more proof here because he says in verse 25:

**Romans 11:25-26** *For I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery ... so this is a mystery. This is something that the Holy Spirit has to reveal. It's not something that is just going to be that evident. This is the mystery. He doesn't want us to be ignorant ... brothers, so that you may not be wise within yourselves, that **hardness in part** has happened to Israel until the fullness of the nations comes in ... And who did we just say the fullness of the nations was? Ephraim ... Ephraim will be the fullness of the nations ... and so all the tribes of Israel will be saved, as it has been written, "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away iniquity from Jacob.*

So all Israel ... and that's the whole point of Romans 9, 10 and 11. Has Yahweh rejected His people Israel? And the Apostle Paul is saying, "No, I'm an Israelite myself from the tribe of Benjamin, not from the tribe of Judah."

So it's really interesting here as we're seeing now as we're getting into the promise of the birthright and the promise of the scepter that that birthright promise to Joseph, and now at the end of days ... and I'm not going to go over again today ... we went over the last time where the tribes went to. They went to Africa. They went to the Parthian Empire and all around Iraq and Iran and the Caspian Sea and the Black Sea; and all those areas there. Then they wound up coming to Europe and then eventually from Europe to Great Britain and then to United States; and basically, they're all over the world today. Even today in Afghanistan and these different places there's literally tribes who can *show* that they are Israelites. They have graves and they have even sometimes even stones and tombstones and different things, menorahs that are thousands of years old showing their Israelite heritage.

So it is an amazing mystery that in the end time most of us who came out of Christianity who *thought* we were Gentiles. Like I said, a Gentile is a non-believer, a Gentile is a heathen. So you can't be a believer in Yahweh and be a Gentile. But now we're finding out that we're not just adopted into the family of Yahweh but **we're literally Israelites by heritage** coming in. So it's an amazing plan of Yahweh. It's an amazing plan of Yahweh that, like I said, He's not a respecter of person and any Gentile anywhere in the world can be grafted in to the one tree. But it clearly shows that He never gave up on the nation of Israel as we see from the book of Hosea; which we'll get into a little later in the message too.

So wow, how awesome is that? So like I said in the other message, when we say the term Ephraimite ... from the Ephraim, we're from Ephraim ... we're not saying that we are *literally* from the tribe of Ephraim ... but Ephraim means all the ten tribes as we'll see here in the next verse. Let's go now to 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 11 in verse 26 ... 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 11 in verse 26 because since Ephraim is the firstborn, like I said, whether you're from Asher, or Zebulun, or any of the tribes that are there, Simeon ... Ephraim is the head tribe.

So when you say 'the tribe of Ephraim' you're talking about the 'ten tribes to the North' and Judah still kept the Southern Kingdom of Judah and Benjamin; only for David's sake, certainly not for Solomon's, who did many, many things. He married many foreign wives. He worshiped pagan deities and Yahweh had to turn away from Him later in his life. It was very, very sad for that to happen but that's what caused the split in the Kingdom; of which one of the main things the Messiah does is bring that split together. We talked about that the last time. We'll talk about it later in the message today also. So 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 11 in verse 26:

**1<sup>st</sup> Kings 11:26-30** *And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, a servant of Solomon (and his mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman) he also lifted up a hand against the king ... so this is what happens that Yahweh makes an adversary to Solomon, and it's Jeroboam, who comes from the tribe Ephraim ... And this was the thing for which he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and closed up the breaks of the city of his father David.*

*And the man Jeroboam was a mighty warrior. And Solomon saw the young man, that he was doing work. And he appointed him to all the burden of the house of Joseph ... why, because that's where he comes from, because he's an Ephraimite. So he was appointed the burden to his fore-father Joseph ... And at that time it happened that Jeroboam had gone out from Jerusalem, and Ahijah the Shilonite, the prophet, found him in the way. And he covered himself with a new garment, and both of them were by themselves in the field. And Ahijah laid hold on the new garment on him and tore it into twelve pieces ... we talked about that the last time showing about the New Covenant. And I'm not going to talk about that again today. I just want to briefly go over.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Kings 11:31-34** *And he says 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** ... this is Ephraim to the North, Judah to the South. Ephraim having the birthright promise; Judah still having the scepter promise ... And he shall have the one tribe for my servant David's sake ... talking about Solomon ... and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel. Because they have forsaken Me, and bow themselves to Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, to Chemosh the god of Moab, to Milcom the god of the sons of Ammon; and have not walked in My ways, to do the right in My eyes, and My statutes and My judgments, as his father David did ... so these are real bad things that Solomon did ... But I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, but I will make him ruler all the days of his life, for My servant David's sake, whom I chose, because he kept My commandments and My statutes ... because for David, it's an everlasting kingdom.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Kings 11:35-39** *And I will take the kingdom out of his son's hands, and will give it to you, the ten tribes. 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 ... And that's why Solomon's son Rehoboam took over in the Southern Kingdom ... And I will take you, and you shall reign according to all that your soul desires, and you shall be king over Israel. And it will be, if you will hear all that I command, and you shall walk in My ways, and do that is right in My eyes, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I shall be with you and shall build a sure house for you ... He's giving the same promise to Jeroboam as He gave to David ... as I built for David, and shall give Israel to you. And for this I will afflict the seed of David; but not forever.*

And did Jeroboam listen? No, matter of fact, just about every king after Jeroboam ... when Yahweh is correcting him, what does He say – that you **did not listen** as your father Jeroboam. He's mentioned a lot but never in a good light was Jeroboam mentioned. So wow and this is what we're going to see. We're going to see that in both cases, whether it was Judah striving for the birthright promise; or Ephraim striving for the scepter promise, there was a vexation going on with the two tribes, brothers because each going after his own.

But Jeroboam had an opportunity here, an amazing opportunity if he would have been faithful but he wasn't. He did the same as Solomon and he saw why it was ripped away from Solomon for his pagan worship, and he did the same thing. And a matter of fact, in Israel today we go there many, many, many times. I've probably been there a hundred times. In Tel Dan they still have the altar from Jeroboam. And you could see he wasn't doing sacrifices to Yahweh there, he put the golden ... little golden calf that he had up there and he was doing worship to pagan deities from there. So we see what happens and then if we go back to Genesis 37 ... back to Genesis 37 ... and this is when Joseph is being sold into slavery ... who is the one, who's the main one who is over trying to get rid of Joseph? Genesis 37 in verse 26:

**Genesis 37:26-28** *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 hands be on him. For he is our brother, our flesh. And his brothers listened. And men, Midianites, traders, passed. And they drew up and took Joseph out of the pit, and they sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they brought Joseph into Egypt.*

So isn't that kind of interesting that the same way Ishmael and Isaac were fighting over the right of the firstborn, Judah who has the right of scepter, what does he do? He sells Joseph and then he's thinking that he'll have the right of the firstborn. And I'm not going to go into it but then in the next chapter, that's why when Judah's evil sons died, he was trying to get the seed to Tamar, the wife of his first son, so she could have seed because he was trying to take over the birthright promise that was here. And these are big promises. I mean these are promises, like I said, they started out as families – the family of Abraham and the family of Isaac, the family of Jacob, or Yaakov, but they became nations and kingdoms and kings, like he said will come out of your loins.

So these are important promises. And we see the striving of both Judah now trying to get the promise of the firstborn, selling Joseph into slavery. And then, like I said, we see Jeroboam having the right to possibly get the promise of the scepter away from Judah. So this is the striving that has been going on through all time, and even still going on today. There's still a striving between Judah and Ephraim. We'll talk about that a little bit later. But actually the first time you see the word 'Jew' in Scripture, the Jews are fighting with Israel. So that's the striving that comes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 16:5 and 6 ... 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 16:5 and 6:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 16:5-6** *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.*

So that's the first time you see the word 'Jew' there and what's happening? The Jews are fighting with Israel. Judah is fighting with Israel that's there. So this is the vexation that's going on. If we go to Zechariah 11 in verse 10, this goes all the way up until the time of the Messiah ... so Zechariah 11 ... Zechariah, really, really interesting prophetic book about so many different things going all the way to the end time. But here he's talking about the vexation that's happening between Judah and Ephraim, all the way going to the Messiah, and then look what happens here ... Zechariah 11 verse 10:

**Zechariah 11:10-12** *And I took My staff Grace and broke it apart, to break My covenant which I had cut with all the peoples ... this is where the first covenant is ending and the New Covenant is starting ... 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.*

**Comment:** So we just saw Joseph being sold for twenty pieces of silver to get the birthright promise. Here is prophecy being sold for thirty pieces of silver to finish the first covenant, right? And this is what's happening -

**Zechariah 11:13** *And YAHWEH said to Me, Throw it to the potter, the splendid 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.*

**Comment:** Wow, and this is exactly what Judas did after he sold Yahshua out and he got the money and he threw it to the potter for potter's field. But why is this important? Because **Yahshua was actually the last sacrifice in the Temple that Yahweh sanctioned.** And *literally* the money that came to pay Judas off when they got Yahshua was money that came from the Temple treasury that was paid for sacrifices. That's what they used the money for. So they used those thirty pieces of silver for the last sacrifice that Yahweh sanctioned, was the sacrifice of Yahshua. And then look what happened when that happened. It says:

**Zechariah 11:14** *Then I broke apart My second staff Union, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.*

So now **John 1:11**, *He came to His own and His own rejected Him.* And what happened from there? We went over this in the last lesson. Did He go to Gentiles? No, Yahshua said, "Don't go to the Gentiles. Go to the lost sheep of the house of

Israel.” And that’s who He sent His disciples after. So this is what’s happening here as He broke apart the staff as the New Covenant started, the Covenant of Grace, and Judah rejected it outright. He went to the tribes of Ephraim, the other tribes of Israel and the brotherhood between Judah and Israel was broke from there. So we never see it again. Judah goes into captivity from that time when the Romans came in and they get dispersed throughout the world. And the tribes of Ephraim are dispersed in another way and they never came together.

So as the Father used the Congregation of Yahshua to pull the tribes of Israel back throughout the last two thousand years, the tribes of Judah are not part of that. The tribes of Judah ... and it’s really interesting because when a Messianic Jew, someone from the tribe of Judah, comes to faith in Yahshua now, they’re actually grafted into the New Covenant; which is the covenant with Ephraim. Judah is the only tribe that’s not in that covenant right now. Now we do know from Zechariah 12 in verse 10:

**Zechariah 12:10** *I will pour out My Spirit in the end time ... the time we’re living in now, very shortly Yahweh says ... I will pour on the house of David, and on those living in Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and prayers; and they shall look on Me whom they pierced ... when Yahshua returns and they see the holes in His hands and the holes in His side and His feet ... And they will look on Me 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.*

Because Yahshua, as we’re going to see, comes back and He has both the right of the first-born and the right of the scepter. He has both promises. So when He returns there’s no reason anymore for the striving between brothers. But up until now, there still is a striving because now the tribe of Ephraim in the Northern tribes, we’ve all accepted Yahshua is the Messiah and we’ve accepted the New Covenant and we’re part of it, but Judah still does not accept it. And that’s why over the last two thousand years there’s been such this friction between Jews and believers, not made by believers, but made by Jews and even where many Jews in the first century and second century totally killed many believers and had them killed because of this, because of their rejection of Yahshua and the evil things they write about Yahshua, and the Talmud and the Mishna and these different things.

And then what happens? Satan uses false Christianity that he makes through Constantine. In the fourth century this false Christianity that he makes, this new religion of Christianity that’s not the Christian religion that you see in the book of Acts but it’s totally different now. It’s a Christianity made by Constantine the Great, the Emperor of Rome, and through the years all the going up to Hitler, they use in the name of Christianity they persecute Jews and they have all these programmed against Jews.

Never though were true believers involved in any of that because it was **the true believers that were also persecuted**. If you look at the time in the wilderness, and read my book, *The Gates of Hell will not Prevail Against Her*, and whether you look at: the Paulicians, or the Waldenses, or the Insabbiti, or the Albigenses, the Anabaptists, they were **all persecuted** by that same false Christian religion that persecuted our brother Judah too. So in the end of days now Yahweh is calling it though all back together and that’s what makes it so exciting.

So let’s get into the prophetic side of this now because there’s no reason anymore to fight over these promises; the promises of the birthright and the promises of the scepter, because the Messiah comes who has both of those promises and all of us are under His subjection. Habakkuk 1 in verse 5 ... the book of Habakkuk ... back up to Habakkuk, says:

**Habakkuk 1:5** *Look among the nations and behold, and be amazed. Be amazed! For a work is working in your days which you would not believe, if I told it to you.*



So Yahweh is saying this great work that's in the end time, why? Because He's going to do two things in the last generation. He's going to make two nations. He's going to make a physical nation of Israel again, which He has since 1948 the Jews are back in the land of Israel and they're the caretakers now. Our brother Judah are over the land and they're there since 1948. And He's also going to make a **spiritual nation**, a spiritual nation of Israelites throughout all the world and that's what we are. We're the outcasts of Israel.

So our brother Judah will not allow us right now into the land, as a whole of Ephraimites, to live there; but we are a spiritual nation. So we don't need their permission. When the time is right Yahweh will bring, as we'll see. He'll bring back because **the promise in the end time is all twelve tribes will come back to the Land** but in order for us to do that, we need the Messiah. We need the Messiah to come back because **He is our Authority** and when He does come back our brother Judah will accept Him. And we're going to see at the end like we read the last time, He'll take the two sticks together and He'll put them together and we'll be one again.

So it's really interesting the time we're living in; and this is a great work because you can see both! How can anybody deny it? You read the Scriptures and all the scriptures say all twelve tribes will be redeemed, New Testament and the Tanach. And then what do we see? We see that the Jews are literally in the nation of Israel again. They're a nation again. You can't deny it because they're there! And you see the spiritual nation of Ephraimites all over the world. So wow, talk about proof that we see there! Romans 11:1 and 2 ... because the Apostle Paul talked about this, he says:

**Romans 11:1-2** *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. "YAHWEH did not thrust away His people" whom He foreknew.*

So this is Yahweh's promise to us as Ephraimites that you don't have to worry, it's like I said, the wilderness ... we talked many, many times about the wilderness in recent times, in recent years but what was one of the promises, one of the things you had to do in the wilderness? **You couldn't make a life** because you never knew when the cloud was moving. It's the same now as Ephraimites living in diaspora we have to be careful because yes, we can set up communities and we can set up kibbutz's and we can make temporary dwellings there, but **they're not permanent**; and we have to be ready for the day that Yahweh will pick us up and take us, maybe through Jordan first and Selah, the place of the rock; but then eventually over to Mount Zion in Israel. So this is what we don't want to lose our focus on this. And if we go to Amos 9 in 14 and 15 he says:

**Amos 9:14-15** *And I will bring back the captivity of My people Israel. And they will 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 will never again be pulled out of their land which I have given to them, says YAHWEH your Elohim.*

So it's prophesied ... it's prophesied to happen and I'm showing you both sides of it. I'm showing you the **prophecy of it and I'm showing you the fulfillment of it** that we're living in! The fact that we have, like I said, close to eight million of our brother Judah living in the land of Israel today. And I can't tell you how many millions, probably close to a billion Israelites around the world, and how many though first-fruits are understanding who they really are and coming to faith in Yahshua.

Jeremiah 31 in verse 1 ... Jeremiah 31 in verse 1 ... because this is one of the most exciting things you'll ever see in prophecy, the whole thing of the redemption of the tribes of Israel. And it all stems around these promises of Yahweh because **the promises of the birthright and the promises of the scepter can't change**. Like I said, individuals can disqualify themselves but the promise itself is eternal, it won't change. So Jeremiah 31 ... starting in verse 1:

**Jeremiah 31:1-2a** *At that time ... and this is again, I always say this, an end-time idiom, whenever it says in that day and at that time. It's an end-time idiom and it says ... At that time says YAHWEH, I will be the Elohim of all the families of Israel, and they will be My people ... not just one tribe, not just two tribes, but all the tribes ... So says YAHWEH, Israel, the people, the survivors of the sword, have found grace ... where have they found it ... in the wilderness.*

**Comment:** Like I said, **there's one road to the Promised Land and that's through the wilderness;** and the quicker you get there, the quicker you're going to ... the Holy Spirit will work from you and will transform you and your mind will be there and the quicker you'll get to the Promised Land.

**Jeremiah 31:2b-6** *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 ... and Yahweh loves His people. He loves His people and from all the tribes and He's never given up on them ... 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 making merry ... that's why we do the Hebrew dancing for the last twenty-something years because we are doing this in fulfillment of this scripture ... 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 the hills of Ephraim shall call out, Arise and let us go up to Zion, to YAHWEH our Elohim ... and that's what we're waiting for. We're waiting for the Malik's of Yahweh to call us when Yahshua returns and call all the tribes in diaspora back to the Promised Land for this ... drop down to verse 9:*

**Jeremiah 31:9** *They will come with weeping, and I will lead them with prayers. I will cause them to walk by rivers of water, in a right way; they will not stumble in it. For I am a Father to Israel, and Ephraim ... Ephraim ... is My first-born.*

**Comment:** Wow, is the right of the first-born important? You better believe it is! And this is what Yahweh is saying here. He's not going to leave us out. We're the first-born! He's not going to do this plan. He's not going to fulfill all His prophecy and forget about His first-born, of course not!

**Jeremiah 31:10** *He is 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.*

And that's why, praise Yahweh, I've been doing this for the last twenty-five years going all over the earth and proclaiming these promises that Yahweh says in Scripture. And then being there in Israel to actually be a fulfillment of it and be able to show the people the truth of this, is just amazing because **prophecy cannot be broken ... wow.**

So **Ephraim is Yahweh's first-born.** Only Judah has returned and the other tribes will be returning after that. If we go to Zechariah 12, go to Zechariah 12 in verse 4 because there's a reason why He took Judah back to the Land first. Number one, because they're still in unbelief. So He had to physically have them there if He's going to transform the people for us who are part of the spiritual nation that Yahweh has all over the earth. We don't need that. We don't need a physical nation at this point to believe the promises that we will eternally reign with Yahshua from Mount Zion. But Judah, because they're still in unbelief, they do. So let's go to verse 4 of Zechariah ... Zechariah 12, it says:

**Zechariah 12:4-6** *In that day I will strike every horse with panic and his rider with madness, says YAHWEH. And I will open My eyes on the house of Judah, and I will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness ... and Judah has been blind up to this point ... And the leaders of Judah, those living in Jerusalem shall say in their heart, in YAHWEH of Hosts shall be my strength, and their Elohim ... this is the great repentance that's going to come ... And In that day I will make the leaders of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire among cut grain. And they shall devour all the peoples all around, on the right and on the left. And Jerusalem will be inhabited in her place again, in Jerusalem.*

So wow, this is unbelievable because during the days of Israel being a nation, Judah was never a mighty kingdom except for the days of King David and Solomon. Judah was always weak and that's why they're making alliances with Egypt, and they're making alliances with Babylon, and they're making alliances with Syria. Whoever they can make an alliance with **because they were weak**. And here Yahweh is saying in the end time when they come back, they're going to be one of the strongest nations on earth, and they are! They're maybe now the fifth or sixth most powerful military on the earth, when they're one of the newest nations and smallest nations on earth. How could that be? Because the prophecy says it. And did Yahweh do it? Because of verse 7 ...

**Jeremiah 12:7** *YAHWEH also shall save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of those living in Jerusalem may not be magnified above Judah.*

So why did He bring Judah back first? Because of David and that's why the Tabernacle of David has come out to show the promises to David and to show that **David believed in Yahshua**. David believed in Melchizedek who was Yahshua; it's just a title for the King of Righteousness and the King of Peace. And **Psalms 110**, *Yahweh said to My Adonai ... Yahweh said to My Adonai*. Who is David's Adonai? Yahshua! So David knew Him, he believed in Him and he's the King, the King of Judah forever, his lineage. And like I said, when Yahshua returns and David is resurrected all the people of Judah will understand it and then we will be one again. Isaiah 11 in verse 10 and then what's going to happen? The vexation that we've seen all the way going back to King Solomon will be gone, Isaiah 11 in verse 10:

**Isaiah 11:10,13** *And it shall be in that day, the Root of Jesse stands as a banner for His people ... what does that mean whenever you see that? The Root of Jesse, the Root, it's a Messianic Scripture talking about the banner – meaning all the twelve tribes. They each have a banner ... nations shall seek to Him; and His resting place will be glorious ... verse 13 ... And the envy of Ephraim shall turn off; and Judah's foes shall be cut off. Ephraim will not envy Judah, and Judah shall not trouble Ephraim.*

So this is what's happening, this vexation that has gone on for each one trying to take the other one's promise of the birthright or the scepter will be over. There's no need for that anymore. Because in the Messianic Kingdom Yahshua has the right to both the birthright and the scepter. And as believers under Him, we have the right to both of them too because it's His birthright and it's His scepter. Zechariah 6 in verse 12 ... Zechariah 6 in verse 12 ... it's what says it, he says:

**Zechariah 6:12** *And speak to him, saying, So says YAHWEH of Hosts, saying, Behold! The Man whose name is THE BRANCH!*

**Comment:** Who is He talking about? He's talking about from the Branch of Jesse. He's talking about from the Root of Jesse. This is coming from the prophecy from **Isaiah 11** here, talking about the Man whose name is the Branch because He is the Branch. He is the One; He is coming out from that stump of Jesses. That's the Branch who is going to be the Messiah. So that's what He's saying.

**Zechariah 6:13** *The Man whose name is the Branch. He shall spring up out of His place, and He will build the sanctuary of YAHWEH ... just like we read in 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7 ... Even He shall build the sanctuary of YAHWEH; and He will bear the majesty, and He will sit and rule on His throne. And He shall be a priest on His throne; and the counsel of peace will be between the two of them.*

It will be between the two of them, between King and Priest, between the birthright and the scepter; between these two promises. And that's why I always say, in Israel where the Temple was you have two hills that are there. You have the Akra, which is one hill. That's where King David's palace was; and then you have the second hill which was called

Ophel. That's where the sanctuary of Yahweh was built. And there was a little valley in between that was called Millo. And Solomon built up the Millo and made them into one. And that's why **Psalms 122** says that Jerusalem is a city built onto its self. He made them into one. So now, that's what He's saying from this scripture, that the King and the Priest, the birthright and the scepter, **the two will be one** because Yahshua as King of the universe and Creator of all things, He owns both of them. And then Judah and Ephraim will be one again. Judah will come into the New Covenant and all tribes will be peace at that time. How amazing is it, huh? How amazing that this is and to think how close we are to it. We got to get through this last little rough time that we're going through. And it's going to get rougher before it gets better.

But like I said, we read the end of the book, we know we win. We know that Yahweh has said if for His people and we know that Yahshua is coming very soon and we know we just need to overcome and endure to the end; and then we will be part of this. We will be part of the solution of bringing this good news all throughout all the world. Jeremiah 50:19 and 20 ... Jeremiah 50 in verse 19 and 20, he says:

**Jeremiah 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 Mount Gilead. In those days, and at that time ... again, so this end times ... states YAHWEH, the iniquity of Israel will 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.*

So you know you look at Israel today and it's not in a good shape. Like I said, there's close to eight million Jews that are living there but the nation is really bad. Jerusalem is a defiled place, the sin that's going on there. But in Zechariah, **Zechariah 13** He tells us two thirds of the people are going to be wiped right out during the war that's coming there very soon, when Yahweh chastises them. So that's a big number – two thirds of the people. And then the last third is going to go through the purification of fire.

So when Yahshua returns there's not many people that are left there but **there is a remnant in Judah**. And we know, we know from **Revelation 11** where it talks about the two witnesses; and it says when they're crucified in Jerusalem that there's a great earthquake and seven thousand people die; which is one tenth of the city. So do your math, that means there's seventy thousand people in Jerusalem at that time. Today, there's over a million. So that means wow, ninety percent or more, the people will be dead by the time that that happens. So when we're looking at this, it's good news that Judah is going to come into the New Covenant and good news that there will be a remnant and all twelve tribes will be saved like it says in **Romans 11**. But it is sad to think of how many people are going to have to suffer and die for that to happen; and not just in Israel but all over the world ... all over the world.

I mean there's in the world today, there's roughly eight billion people ... kind of interesting, eight million in Israel, eight billion in the world; and the same numbers that are coming. World-wide 95% or more of the people living in the world today will be not there, they'll be dead by the time Yahshua returns; and just read the book of Revelation, talks about the same thing, how many people are going to die to that point. If we go to Hosea 1, let's go back to the book of Hosea ... Hosea 1 in verse 7, he says:

**Hosea 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.*

So again, no doubt about it, Judah is going to be saved. They are going to accept Yahshua. They are going to come into the New Covenant. And then we know from **Daniel 12**, all the Israelites that were living in Israel before Yahshua came that never had the opportunity to make that choice will be resurrected. They'll be resurrected flesh and blood. We're going to read shortly **Ezekiel 37**. We're going to read the second part of it but the beginning part talks about that great resurrection of all the Israelites who have physical resurrection; and then the part we're going to read is about Yahshua

taking the two sticks and making them one. So we see here again that there is redemption for our brother Judah. And then drop down to verse 10, He says.

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

So again, this is exactly what Paul quoted in **Romans 9:25 and 26**, when he's talking about the redemption of the tribes. So what's interesting about this though is, this is how we know He's talking to the tribes of Ephraim in **Romans 9, 10, 11**. Like I said, there's **no greater proof** in the New Testament that everything I've been talking about in these last two messages about the tribes of Israel is true than **Romans 9, 10, 11**. It actually sums it all up in those three chapters. But the interesting part is that over here where He's saying, *although the sons of Israel will be as the sands of the sea*; which they are. Like I said, if you look at the diaspora where they went around the world, there's probably a billion Israelites on the earth today, or more; and yet, only a small remnant are first-fruits. How many true believers are there? Not many ... might be several hundred thousand maybe, who knows? Maybe up to a million when you add in all the Laodiceans but it's not a large number compared to how many Israelites are.

But what's interesting here is, that in **John 21:11** ... I'm not going to go there but that's where Yahshua after He's resurrected and He meets the disciples on the Sea of Galilee and He's cooking fish with them and He tells them to throw out their net and what do they come out, and He said they catch the fish – 153. Why would Yahweh name them? Everything in Scripture has purpose. So why would He name specifically how many fish were caught?

Before that when Yahshua first met Peter and Andrew it said their nets were breaking but it never said how many fish were caught at that time. This time it says exactly 153 because in Hebrew, originally there were no numbers; numbers today: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10. There were letters that represented numbers; it was by the alphabet. The *alef* was one, the *bet* was two, the *gimel* was three, all the way down through 1-9; and then 10-100, and then 200,300,400 – 22 letters all the way up to 400 it goes.

So if you look at any word in Hebrew it has a numeral value. Well, when you look **John 21:11**, where He said they caught 153 fish, if you look at the value where He says, He said to them, *You are not My people; it will be said to them, sons of the living El*, or the living Elohim, the gematria, **the number value for sons of the living Elohim is 153**. Wow! So that is because it's a very interesting number too when you play with that number with Algebra, it's a very, very interesting number – 153. But here it is, it's actually the number of **this scripture again showing that Yahweh has a remnant of Ephraim; a remnant of Israelites**. So it's absolutely amazing to see this. Zechariah 10 in verse 6 back to Zechariah ... Zechariah 10 in verse 6, he says:

**Zechariah 10:6-10** *And I will make stronger the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph ... both houses together ... 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. And Ephraim shall be like a mighty one, and their heart shall be glad as by wine. And their sons will see and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in YAHWEH. And I will whistle for them and gather them, for I have redeemed them. And they shall be many as they were many. 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. 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.*

Wow, so here we see ... I mean again, the tribe of Judah, the tribe of Ephraim; which is all the tribes together again they're just representing all twelve tribes will all be there in the Land and the brotherhood will be back. The brotherhood that was broken at that time through the vexation that happened and going all the way back to Joseph and

his brothers in Scripture; and Joseph being a type of Messiah. And in the same way that Joseph forgave his brothers, where they didn't recognize him and then when they recognized him, he forgave them. It's the same way with Yahshua. He forgives and that's the great part of the New Covenant and He will recognize them. So let's go to ... a couple more scriptures we'll be finished. Let's go to Ezekiel 37 in verse 15. We went there the last time but it's important. This is an extremely important scripture ... Ezekiel 37 and like I said if you look at the beginning of the chapter, it's an amazing chapter! The first verse:

**Ezekiel 37:1-5** *The hand of YAHWEH was on me. And He brought me by the Spirit of YAHWEH and made me rest in the midst of the valley, and it was full of bones ... who are these bones? The bones are very dry ... verse 2 ... And He said to me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I said, O Adonai YAHWEH, You know. And He said, Prophecy to these bones and say to them, O dry bones, hear the Word of YAHWEH: So Adonai YAHWEH said to these bones, Behold, I will make breath to enter into you, and **you will live** ... and then he asks, who are these bones? And He tells him, **they are the whole house of Israel** ... verse 11:*

**Ezekiel 37:11** *Then He said to me, Son of man, these bones are all the house of Israel. Behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is perished; we are cut off to ourselves ... Why? Because they died without Messiah. So this is a physical resurrection that's coming when Yahshua returns and then what happens ... what happens? Go down to verse 15:*

**Ezekiel 37:15-18** *And the Word of YAHWEH was to me, saying, And you, son of man, take one stick for yourself and write on it, For Judah, and for his companions, the sons of Israel ... and remember Benjamin joined him and a few of the other, some people from the tribes came down. So anyone whom ever lived in Judah is in one hand ... And take another stick and write on it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel, his companions ... So this is Ephraim and the other nine tribes altogether ... And draw them one to one for yourself bring them into one stick ... one echad – unified ... And they shall become **unified** in your hand ... my book, *The Chosen People*. You know you see that ... And when the sons of your people shall speak to you, saying, Will you not declare to us what this means?*

**Ezekiel 37:19-21** *Say to them, So says Adonai 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 I will make them one stick, and they shall be one in My hand ... they will be will echad – unified ... And the sticks shall be in your hand, the ones on which you write before their eyes. And say to them, So says Adonai YAHWEH: Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations, there where they have gone, and I will gather them from all around, and will bring them **into their own land**.*

**Ezekiel 37:22-23** *And I will make them **one** unified nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel, and one King shall be king to all of them. And they shall not be two nations anymore. And they shall not be split into two kingdoms any more. And they shall not still be defiled by their idols, even with their filthy idols, nor with all of their transgressions. But I will save them out of their dwelling places where they have sinned in them, and I will cleanse them. So they shall be a people to Me and I will be for Elohim for you.*

**Comment:** So here it is Judah is going to repent for denying Yahshua and the idolatry that they went into with the Rabbis and all that stuff. And all of us who came from the Ephraimites, who came from Christianity, and all the paganism that was in Christianity, we've repented of all that and we're coming back to Yahweh's Torah. So this way we can be one together serving Him according to the Tanach in honesty and truth.

**Ezekiel 37:24-26a** *And My servant, David, will be King over them. And there will be one Shepherd to all of them ... Yahshua ... And they shall walk in My judgments and keep My statutes, and do them. And they will dwell on the land I*

*have given to My servant, to Jacob, there where your fathers dwelt in it. And they shall dwell on it, they and their sons, and the sons of their sons, forever. And My servant David will be a ruler to them forever. And I will cut a covenant of peace with them; an everlasting covenant,*

**Comment:** Melchizedek, Mel-chiz-e-dek, the King of Righteousness, the King of Peace ... where is He from? From Salem, from peace.

**Ezekiel 37:26-28** *And I will cut a covenant of peace with them, an everlasting covenant will be with them, And I will place them and multiply them, and I will put My sanctuary in their midst forever. And My tabernacle shall be with them, and I will be their Elohim, and they will be My people. And when My sanctuary will be in their midst forever, the nations shall know that I, YAHWEH, sanctify Israel.*

So wow, this is absolutely amazing living in this time and seeing this happening. And one more scripture I want to go to ... Isaiah 54:1 and 2. Because as Judah came back in the Land and as Yahweh's Spirit has woken up the Ephraimites for the last probably thirty/forty years, and we're understanding who we are, there's one thing that hasn't happened – Israel is not opened up their doors for the Ephraimites to come home and why is that? Isaiah 54 says:

**Isaiah 54:1-2** *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 ... so the diaspora, the sons of Ephraim are way, way bigger than the sons of Judah. And this is with Ephraim. This is what Yahweh is saying to Judah now in these last days ... 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.*

Why is He saying this? Because what happens in ancient times, Abraham and Sarah they live in a tent and as they have children, what do they do? They stretch the cord longer and they make another room on the tent. And then when Isaac has a child then they stretch the cord longer and they make another room on the tent until you have enough room for everybody and that's Yahweh and that's what Ephraim is telling Israel in these end times – stretch the cord of your tent. But Israel hasn't done it.

And to be honest, I've said this before, I really thought it was going to happen when so many things were happening around 2007/2008/2009, when doors were opening there but I realize now it will never happen through human government. Human government is corrupt and it doesn't matter where that government is, the only way this will happen is through the Kingdom of Yahweh and the return of Yahshua. So it doesn't mean there won't be some people like we've been, and other brethren who might be he-goats before the flock who Yahweh has put there as representatives to show what's going to happen in the near future.

But the true re-gathering will never happen and I've always said this, I've said it's remnant that will be in the Land, but the **greater re-gathering can only happen when Yahshua returns**, and that's what Scripture says. We just read it here in **Ezekiel 37**. But it's a shame to me and my heart breaks because if Judah would expand the cord of their tent, if they *would* just work with Ephraim, if they *would* let our people in there it would only benefit them. Because I've seen it over and over and over, I've seen it through this ministry. I've seen it when nations and leaders and people and even restaurants and hotels, when they bless us and our people, they're blessed by it.

And the nation Israel would be blessed to allow Ephraim back in there, back home and to show what Yahweh's doing here in the end times. And it's kind of like the prodigal son, you could look at it one way because what happened? In the prodigal son, you could look at Ephraim being like the son who went out in diaspora and wasted, lost his inheritance. We forgot who we were. We're living among the pigs and all that stuff. And then what happens though? Our Heavenly

Father was always there waiting for us to come home. As we come home and we're repenting and we're trying to come back in the covenant, what happens?

The other son who could represent Judah in this case, they weren't happy. And they were mad saying, "Why are you looking toward this son who lived this way all the time?" And what does the Father say to Judah; He says to Judah, "Look, Judah's always had the Torah. They always had their identity and He says, You'll always be with Me, but your brother that was lost is now found. He's come home." And that's where Judah should not be afraid of us. They shouldn't be intimidated by us. That somehow we're going to take away *their* scepter promise. The same way we don't have to worry that they're going to take away our birthright promise. Because the birthright is given to Joseph; the scepter is given to Judah through King David and now through Messiah who owns both birthright and scepter. He's bringing us all into one.

And like I said, that's why we need to look ahead to that Day when Yahshua returns. We need to look ahead and be so happy and so zealous for that Day that's coming. Yahweh has a wonderful plan of redemption for all twelve tribes and the entire world.

But the birthright promise and the scepter promise to the sons of Joseph and Judah will never change. And there no longer needs to be any vexation on these brothers as Messiah Yahshua united these promises through Him and to all that repent and believe through His name. So I hope that you're encouraged as I am and Yahweh bless, Shabbat Shalom!