

THE TEN TRIBES OF ISRAEL

NOT LOST BUT FOUND

Those familiar with the Bible understand that there were originally twelve tribes of the children of Israel held in Egyptian bondage for over 400 years. Then led out by the hand of Moses after a series of plagues visited that land. They were fed in the wilderness for 40 years by the raining of manna from heaven. Ex. 16th ch.

After being led into Canaan, the Promised Land thru Joshua the successor of Moses, they gradually departed from the commandments of God desiring to be like the heathen nations surrounding them. They would not listen to the warnings of the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel etc. and finally the ten tribes dwelling in the north of Palestine were led away into captivity by Shalmanezzar the year 722 B. C. The tribes of Judah and Benjamin located to the south part of the land including Jerusalem, with many of the tribe of Levi, their Priests and Rabbis, remained for a period of nearly 150 years, before King Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, smote and led them also into captivity. See 2 Chron. 36th chapter.

There are many theories concerning these ten tribes which have been spoken of as the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel, and we shall now take this matter up spiritually and give it a fair and unbiased study. There are some outstanding leaders of the "British Israel" teaching who bitterly criticize our work here in Israel and have turned many loving honest people against Jerusalem. It is facts from the scripture that the intelligent are looking for, and not theories of men or circumstantial evidence.

There is evidence, however, of the "Anglo Saxon" people being one of the tribes of Israel which subject we have looked into very carefully, but, many people carry this entirely too far, becoming extremists on the question. We must avoid extremes and not build up imaginary facts on one premise of truth. They go so far as to claim that the throne of England is the throne of the Lord, and that the succession of the kings of England are the kings of Israel, which throne Jesus (Hebrew "Yahshua"), will occupy when He returns, to be transferred to Jerusalem. Such teaching does not agree with the scripture, as the following clearly reveals, — "The children of Israel shall abide many days without a King, and without a prince

characteristics of the ten tribes. But as these ten tribes of Israel met with the tribes of Judah and Benjamin in their wandering, their religion brought them together on a common basis as Jews. They married and inter-married with one another. So now thousands of them come here today simply as Jews, not knowing their tribal connection.

Israel's Conditions And Scriptural Harmony

Let us see what the scriptures tells us about the return of Israel as well as Judah to their homeland in the Last days. — "Return thou backsliding Israel saith the Lord, and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you. . . . Only acknowledge thine iniquity that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God. . . . (you should read their prayers of confession here on every day of Atonement). Turn O backsliding children saith the Lord; for I am married unto you, and I will take you one of a city and two of a family and I will bring you to Zion. And I will give you pastors after mine heart which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jer. 3:12-15.

Now this is speaking of the ten tribes of Israel. Judah excluded, verse 11. Hence Israel is in a scattered condition, so much so that people of these ten tribes come back, "One of a city and two of a family." That is exactly as we find them here. Many broken families from the concentration camps of Europe are here.

We will go next to Jeremiah, chapter 23, "I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them again to their fold and they shall be fruitful and increase. . . . Therefore behold the days come saith the Lord that they shall no more say, the Lord liveth that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, but the Lord liveth which brought up and which led the seed of the "HOUSE OF ISRAEL" out of the north country and from ALL COUNTRIES whither I had driven them and they shall dwell in their own land." Here we have the ten tribes scattered into all countries.

This prophet speaks further concerning Israel. "For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done evil before me from their youth. For the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger from the work of their hands, saith the Lord. . . . Behold I will gather them out of all countries whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath, and I will bring

them AGAIN into place, and I will cause them to dwell safely, and I will give them one heart and one way that they will fear me forever." Jeremiah 32:30 and 37-39. Read this to the end of the chapter; He says He will plant them here with His whole heart, and that men shall buy fields of money, and subscribe evidence and seal them, and take witness in the land of Benjamin, and in the cities of Judah and the places about Jerusalem. This is exactly what is taking place here now, and has been for a number of years. Notice particularly that he is speaking of both the children of Israel and the children of Judah. When have the British people, or the people of the U. S. A. been scattered among all nations so that they can be gathered from ALL Nations as it says here of Israel?

Now let us go to the 33rd chapter, here it reads, "And I will cause the captivity of Judah, and the captivity of Israel to return and I will build them as at first. And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity whereby they have sinned against me." These references do not refer to the regathering following the 70 years of Babylonian captivity. Note that this regarding of Israel and Judah is from ALL NATIONS. When they were led into Babylon they were not led into all nations. Also these scriptures tell us plainly that they are gathered this time to be blessed, and to remain here and not to be plucked up any more.

I want to give you another statement from the Lord through the prophet Jeremiah as follows. "Thus saith the Lord which giveth the sun as a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night. If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel shall cease from being a nation before me forever. ... If the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel, for all that they have done, saith the Lord." Jeremiah 31:35 - 37.

Here the prophet is speaking of literal fleshly Israel and not the adopted children from the Gentiles, for the Gentiles have never yet been cast off as a race or people because of their evil. Note carefully what this prophet says, "Behold the days come saith the Lord that I will sow the "House of Israel" and the "House of Judah" with the seed of men and with the seed of beasts, and it shall come to pass that as I have watched over them to pluck up, and to break

down and to throw down, and to destroy and to afflict, so will I watch over them to build and to plant, saith the Lord." Verses 27-8.

Now here we have again the house of Israel referring to the ten tribes, and also the house of Judah mentioned, and this refers to the literal fleshly seed, the very ones He has plucked up, and thrown down, and scattered and the very ones He is now gathering back to this land from ALL NATIONS. They are here from eighty different nations, and they are both Israel and Judah. When I pray tell me, was England so scattered and plucked up?

Now we will go to another witness, namely the prophet Ezekiel, and notice carefully that he is speaking here of the "House of Israel", which embraces the ten tribes, — nations, and they are both Israel and Judah. When, I

"Therefore say unto the 'House of Israel', I do not this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for my Holy name sake which you have profaned among the heathen whither ye went. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. THEN will I sprinkle CLEAN water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your filthiness, and from all your idols will I cleanse you. And a new heart will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you. I will take away the stony heart of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:22-26.

Note here that Israel, the ten tribes, have been driven into ALL COUNTRIES, and they are being gathered out of all countries. This cannot refer to England or the U. S. After they are gathered here, He says THEN clean water (the pure Word of God), will be sprinkled upon them. This will change their hearts as they receive the Spirit.

Note how wonderful this agrees with Jeremiah where he said in two different chapters, speaking of the House of Israel that they would be gathered from all countries, and one of a city and two of a family. THEN they would be given "PASTORS AFTER HIS OWN HEART" who would feed them with knowledge and understanding. This is the sprinkling of clean water, not false doctrine upon them, but the TRUTH, which will cleanse them. Israel is here and has come out of all countries.

Now we will go to the next chapter, Ezekiel 37 where it reads,

"Thus saith the Lord, behold I will take the stick of Joseph which is in the hand of Ephraim and the tribes of Israel, his fellows, and I will put them with him, even with the tribes of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. . . . Behold I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen from where they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land. And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel." Ezekiel 37:19 to 22.

These scriptures are clear and certain. They positively prove that the ten tribes of Israel were scattered among all nations of the earth, and are to be gathered also from all nations. They are not "Lost Tribes" and there is not one scripture to be found that speaks of them as such. The only way their racial identity is lost is by mingling and mixing with the tribe of Judah, and all the other tribes having the same religion.

Israel and Armageddon

Armageddon is known to be the last war of this age, and it is to be a gathering of all nations against Jerusalem. Note Revelation 16th chapter, also Joel 3, Zechariah 13 and 14, also Ezekiel 38.

It is claimed by many who hold to the extremist teaching on British Israel that Great Britain is the one to occupy Palestine, and that it is Spiritual Israel, according to Galatians 3:28-29 and Romans 2:28-29 that will possess this land, just a spiritual remnant from Britain and U. S. A. Also that those here are only a mongrel race of usurpers and tresspassers and have no connection with Judah or Israel, but let us see just what the Bible says, forgetting the sayings and teachings of men.

Here is the prophet Joel's testimony, Joel 3:1-2. "For behold in those days and at that time when I shall bring again the captivity of JUDAH and Jerusalem I will gather all nations, and bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and I will plead with them there for my people and my heritage Israel." Here we have both Israel and Judah mentioned. How unscripturally absurd is that false teaching that it is not Judah or Israel here today, when these same people teach the world is approaching Armageddon and the end of the age.

Here is the testimony of the prophet Zechariah, "Behold I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in siege, both against Judah and against

Jerusalem. In that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people. All that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. It shall come to pass in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem." Zech. 12:2-3 and 9. Then we find in chapter 14 where nations are gathered against Jerusalem, when the Lord fights as in the days of battle etc. It says Judah is here then.

Coming now to another witness we note from Ezekiel 38th chapter that "In the latter days" (verse 8), Gog and Magog, the Togarmah of the north quarter, and all his bands will come against the mountains of Israel, and against the people of Israel gathered out of the nations (verses 12 and 14), and they are delivered. Fire and brimstone are rained down upon these nations, and it says "Every man on the face of the earth will shake at His presence" verse 20. This is future, and all of these witnesses agree that it is both Israel and Judah here when these closing events of the Gentile age come.

As the signs of the times declared by all the prophets of the Bible show us clearly and unmistakeable that we are living in the very closing days of Gentile times, the people here in Israel are both Judah and Israel, and they are here in preparation for these tragic events which will soon take place.

IN THE VALLEY OF DECISION

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision" Joel 3:14

Is your holy city Rome or Jerusalem? The eyes of the world are now on Rome since the great Ecumenical Council was in session called by the Vatican. There were 2,400 Catholic Bishops representing 525 million Roman Catholics. Many Protestant Christian churches were represented with special seats near the throne. To them the Pope expressed deep sadness at the prolonged separation, and begged God's forgiveness if they were in any way to blame.

This great display of numbers, pomp and wealth is attractive to the world, and a definite fulfilment of Bible prophecy. Watch the proceeding carefully and prayerful. Calender reform (so called) was a primary object of the council, a final stroke to do away with the Sabbath blessed of the Father at creation. The world as a whole is now in the valley of decision. Let your decision be for Jerusalem and not for Rome.

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