How Old Is This Anglo-Saxon Truth?

Reprinted from "These are Ancient Things"

Dating from the year A.D.665 to the year 1634, over one hundred and fifty references to the identity of the Anglo-Saxon people with ancient Israel have been discovered. They were all reprinted in the BRITISH ISRAELITE for 1879-80. It is noteworthy that none of the writers during that thousand years adopted the name of Jacob or Judah, but ISRAEL, for the Anglo-Saxon people. The 'ANGLO SAXON CHRONICLES,' part of which in its present form we know, dates from A.D.892, and which preserves the great common stock of the mouth-to-ear handed-down history of our people, is almost a continuation of the Bible in its method and timing, and much of its formation runs parallel with that which confirms Anglo-Saxon-Israel truth as held today.

In 1530, Tyndale announced his amazing discovery of the likeness between the Hebrew and the English language, which made the English the most suitable of any language into which to translate the Bible.

In 1586, John Lyly, in his EUPHUES AND HIS ENGLAND, gives evidence of his knowledge and agreement with this truth.

In 1590, Counsellor Le Loyer, a French Magistrate, wrote a book on THE TEN LOST TRIBES," which he says came to England.

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In 1649, DR. JOHN SADLER declared our British Israelitish origin. In 1666, JOHN BUNYAN in the pain of his spiritual conflicts, happened on this truth, saw how great a way it opened for his distraught spirit, but was driven off by

(See Also Make Up Jan-Feb. 1997:5)

his father's denial.

JOHN BUNYAN ON OUR IDENTITY

In his 'Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners," page 6, par. 18, John Bunyan says:

"After I had been thus for some considerable time, another thought came in my mind; and that was, whether we were of the Israelites, or no? For finding in the Scriptures that they were once the peculiar people of God, thought I, if I were one of this race, my soul must needs be happy. Now again, I found within me a great longing to be resolved about this question, but could not tell how I should; at last I asked my father about it, who told me, 'No, we were not.' Wherefore then I fell in my spirit as to the hope of that, and so remained. April, 1879. CACCAC

A CLERGYMAN'S TESTIMONY FROM QUEBEC IN CANADA

f the Rible in its method and timing, and much of its forms Having become fully convinced of the truth of our identification with the Ien Tribes of Israel, I felt it to be a duty to acknowledge boldly my belief. It is my opinion that belief in these truths is spreading very rapidly in Canada. July 23, 1879. a searchelt subsequent or an are to be

> (Rev.) George T. Harding, (Incumbant of Durham)

EDITOR's Note: This testimony in full may be read in the wig , GMAJONE 218"Banner of Israel" October 1st, 1879. al

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In 1723, Dean Abbadie, of Killaloe, Ireland, wrote this: 'Unless the Ten Tribes of Israel are flown into the air; or into the earth; they must be those ten Gothic Tribes, that entered Europe in the fifth century, overthrew Roman Empire and founded the ten nations of modern Europe." (Of course, we do not subscribe to all the statements made by those early writers. We only claim that the IDEA OF EX-

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TANT AND CONTINUING ISRAEL AS KNOWN PEOPLES, has always been held)

Another work on the subject appeared in 1795. I.H.FRERE wrote on the subject in 1796. RALPH WEDGWOOD in 1814. Rev. B. MURPHY, in 1817, wrote "PROOFS THAT ISRAELITES CAME FROM EGYPT INTO IRELAND." In 1820, PREBENDARY WADDILOE supported the contention.

Modern interest on a large scale may be said to have begun with JOHN WILSON, who was born in Kilmarnock, Scotland in 1779. He was a Presbyterian minister, educated at Glasgow University. Later while ministering in Dublin, Ireland, he studied much in the library of Trinity College, Dublin, and accumulated enough proof of the identity of latter-day Israel to satisfy the keenest critic. In 1840 he published "Our Israelitish Origin' - a book so in demand that a 4th. Edition was made before his death. At one of his very last At one of his very last lectures, a teen-ager named EDWARD HINE was an enthralled listener, and later, when John Wilson laid down the torch in 1870, EDWARD HINE was instrumental under God, in lifting it up and carrying on. Many have read his books, "The English Nation Identified With The Lost House of Israel by 27 Identifications" - "47 Identifications" - "England's Coming Glories" etc. He formed the "British Israel Identity Corporation' and lectured in Canada and the U.S.A.

In 1861 another friend of John Wilson --DR. GEORGE MCORE, published a book, "The Ten Tribes." With deep confidence in what he had learned from the Bible and John Wilson's book, CAPTAIN F.R.A. GLOVER made a study of Irish History and Irish Heraldry, and published "England - The Remnant of Judah and the Israel of Ephraim." Nor was Captain Glover silent in telling Israel's story until 1881 - at the age of 81.

The study groups of Mr. Wilson's day, developed into the Associations of Mr. Hine's day, and increased in number everywhere. These early Associations gradually formed into regional groups such as THE METROPOLITAN ANGLO ISRAEL ASSOCIATION"in 1878, which soon had Branches as far afield as Portsmouth, in south England and Perth, in Scotland. This Association however, soon amalgamated with the BRITISH ISRAEL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION to form the old BRITISH ISRAEL ASSOCIATION, becoming the IMPERIAL BRITISH ISRAEL ASSOCIATION in 1902. The BRITISH ISRAEL WORLD FEDERATION was then formed in 1919, in an attempt to draw all organizations together.

The 'BRITISH ISRAELITE' 1889-1893, contained a series of 153 extracts from various writers from 1665 - 1838A.D. in which England is denominated "ISRAEL."

"THE BANNER OF ISRAEL" was a much read magazine and "THE HANDBOOK OF BRITISH ISRAEL TRUTH" was published in 1891 with a fourth edition of 8,000 copies in 1893, and so popular that by 1932, 42,000 had been run off the press.

VICTORIA, British Columbia, Canada.

While these Associations were formed and flourishing in England, it is good to note that in CANADA, MR. EDMUND MIDDLETON, was a most zealous believer in our identity with the Lost Tribes of Israel, and organized the Branch in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada in 1907, when the truth was very little known. However, thanks to his great work, in fhe face of bitterest opposition and ridicule, and to the splendid lectures delivered here for years past by that "Prince of Lecturers" Professor E. Odlum, M.A., B.Sc., of Vancouver, B.C. there are but few to whom it is not known today. Mr. Edmund Middleton died in his 73rd year, March 6 1919. He had studied the Bible Truth of Israel Identity for 40 years (1879-1919).

(From: "THE COVENANT PEOPLE" June 1919)

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THE BRITISH ISRAEL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER VANCOUVER

In Vancouver, B.C. the BRITISH ISRAEL ASSOCIATION was founded in 1909, in the Carnegie Library, and at the third meeting MR. MARK JUKES was elected Secretary, and Professor EDWARD ODLUM was elected President. It was not long before this movement saw such speakers on its platform as: Professor Edward Odlum, M.A., B.Sc.; Rev. Mark Jukes; Rev. Merton Smith; and Rev. Wm. Pascoe Goard. Attendance grew rapidly with three such convincing leaders spearheading the platform work. Later such men as: Mr. J.W. Parker; Lt. Col. J.G. Wright; Mr. William Savage; Miss. Daisy Woods; Mr. Clifford Jones; Mr. Percy King; Mr. George C. Crux; and Rev. Charles E. Batzold were enlisted. At this time of writing (1962) Rev. Joseph G. Sproule, is Secretary General. It is worthy of note that Miss M. Alma Hetherington has faithfully served , in the capacity of Secretary Treasurer of this Organization for over 30 years, in the Headquarters Office. Mr George Crux, mentioned above, is still an active speaker on platform of the British Israel Association, and Professor E. Odlum's son, Mr. E.F. Odlum, is an active member also having served in positions of both secretary and chairman of cutive Committees for many years.

In 1926 this Association in Vancouver went on the air with Professor Odlum giving a series of weekly lectures and these proved very successful. Several programmes were given after that, but in 1930 the Association began to sponsor a weekly programme, first of one hour duration, and then as time became limited on radio stations, it was lessened to our present time of 15 minutes weekly(1962). Other radio stations in B.C. also carry these weekly programmes sending forth the Israel Identity Truth into Radioland.

(Information from "Anglo Saxon World" August, 1959, on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary)



THE BRITISH ISRAEL ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN CANADA

In 1936 the British Israel Association of Mestern Canada, issued a "CHARTER OF AFFILIATION" to include the Association of Greater Vancouver. Altho' after some years this Charter of Western Canada was allowed to lapse, the Association of Greater Vancouver carried on its work faithfully, but 1957 saw the renewing of the Charter to The British Israel Association of Mestern Canada, and their organization into active work again with Mr. Edward Odlum as President, and Miss. Elsie M. Read as Secretary. In 1960 with the retiring of Mr. Odlum from the Presidency, Captain Rupert W. B. Protheroe was elected President, and the work goes on with active groups and chartered Branches throughout the Okanagan and Kootenay Valleys; the Fraser Valley, as well as Vincouver Island.



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It is worthy of note that Sir Walter Scott, in his novel WCODSTOCK, makes Oliver Cromwell use these words: "Now as my soul liveth, and as He liveth who hath made me RULER IN ISRAEL..." (chapter 30). And again in chapter 34, "For surely He who hath been to our British Israel as a shield of help and a sword of excellency, making her enemies to be found liars unto her..."

after that, but in 193

ALEXANDER CRUDEN

In the well-known Concordance of Alexander Cruden, the author addressed in his preface, King George III with the prayer: - "May the great God be the guide of your life, and direct and prosper you, that it may be said by present and future ages, that King Goerge III hath been an Hezekiah to our British Israel." (1737)

ALFRED THE GREAT

VINCENTY LUBOSLAWSHI, Polish author (1915) We record words used by the Saxon King, Alfred the Great, to whom we owe the very basis of the Common Law, which irself is the foundation of jurisprudence in Anglo-Saxon-Celtic lands: "Be ye kind to the stranger within thy gates, for ye were strangers in the land of the Egyptians."

MANA

RALPH WALDO EMERSON (1803 - 1882)

"I happened to arrive in England at a moment of crisis but it was evident that, let who will fail, England will not. The stability of England is the security of the modern world. The English stand for Liberty...and so Freedom is safe."

CONVINCE BEAUGUAT, AUE DAYS

LORD BALDWIN, at the Ottawa, Canada, Conference 1932.

"The Empire is not built up on trade agreements, nor can it be maintained solely by tariffs and preferences. It can only be maintained permanently by a clear conviction of its ultimate goal--the spiritual unity of the whole British Empire--the Kingdom of Heaven on earth." vroter to redire

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GEORGE L. CRAIK, noted Scots writer and historian (1798-1866)

"If we believe that there is a Power in whose hands are the destinies of the nations, we are warranted in thinking Britain's power and destiny have been specially under its controlling influence. No mere human causes will explain how Britain has become what it is."

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VINCENTY LUBOSLAWSHI, Polish author (1915)

"A World Empire such as the British is a work of God. The British Empire was not created by human plans. No other nation on earth can destroy the British Empire, for it is necessary for the defence of liberty in the world."

LORD BEACONSFIELD (1804-1881) British Statesman

"History will recognize the destiny of the British race, but history will never record its decline or fall. History: 'This is THE great, the understanding people.'" will say,

COMYNS BEAUMONT, Author

In 1948 Comyns Beaumont published his work on "Britain----Key To World History." It is the Author's claim that the Old Testament records are the pre-history of Britain. traces the coming of Abraham and analyses Bible history, in which outstanding are such places as Avebury, Glastonbury, Wells, Taunton, Bath, Bristol and by no means last, Edinburgh. Mr. Beaumont declares from Geoffrey of Monmouth, the writer of "History of Kings of Britain" that a fabulous monarch named Abrancus founded the fortress of Mount Agnedh ---(Edinburgh) in the time of David and Solomon began to build the Temple in the reign of the son of Ebrancus.

P. 256 (Britain- Key To World History)

ALFRED THE OREAT

Referring to Mr Comyns Beaumont's book "Britain--Key to World History" he declares on p.258 that Edinburgh and Jerusalem tally in every respect. 'Old Edinburgh in its topography, its setting, the lay-out of its principal ancient streets, its wynds, its cascle rock, its former lakes and lochs, its Arthur's Seat, and its place names offer a most Both were citcomplete comparison with ancient Jerusalem. ies of great age--Kaer Eden civitate antiquissima! -- both underwent fearful vicissitudes, both were praised for their matchless beauty, and both were the City of the Lion. Then he adds his own of largel bas fallen upon Britnin.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Having no further space available to give our readers more of Mr Comyns Beaumont's declarations we would advise them to obtain a copy of 'Britain--Key To World History" and therein see the chapter on "Jerusalem & Edinburgh" and the map of Old Edinburgh which bears both the Edinburgh, and the original names relating to Jerusalem. points of geographical interest are sighted.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE L.C.M.S. AMERY M.P.

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REV. F. B. MEYER, in a letter to the JEWISH CHRONICLE, dated 18th February, 1916, wrote: "In my opinion the gist of the present upheaval is the Jewish question, and the inevitable result will be the restoration of Jerusalem and Palestine to the Hebrew race. I confess, also, without absolutely committing myself to it, a strong attraction to the view that the Saxons have close affinities with that ancient stock."

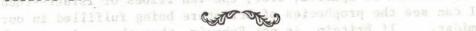
THE HON. L. A. HOLLINS, Australian statesman, in "ONLY ONE ROAD," quotes the Bishop of Worcester as saying: The mantle of Israel has fallen upon Britain. Then he adds his own testimony: "Not only has 'the mantle of Israel fallen upon Britain, but the British are, in literal fact, the long-lost Tribes of Israel, which were to be found, as the Bible tells us, in the Isles north and west of Palestine."

(The above quotations taken from: 'Facets Of The Great Story'-Tourtel)



SIR OLIVER J. LODGE - noted English scientist (1851-1940)

"We too, are a chosen people. It were blasphemy to deny our birthright and responsibility. Our destiny in the world is no small one. We are peopling great tracts of the earth and carrying thither our language and customs. The migrating of that primitive tribe from Ur of the Chaldees under the leadership of that splendid old chief, Abram, into the land of Promise, was an event fraught with stupendous results for the human race."



BISHOP OF ST. DAVID'S, in the 14th century, appears in his speech in Parliament to have distinctly recognized "England" as God's heritage, Israel, for he says: "And so you may embrace your noble King ... for there is through him that peace over Israel which the Scriptures name --- Israel being the heritage of God, and that heritage being also England. For in good truth, I believe that God would never have honoured this country by victories such as had given glory to Israel, had He not intended it for His heritage also."

(From 'Lives Of The Princes of Wales' A.D. 1377 - Dr. Doran.)



PRAYER FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY OF ENGLAND IN THE JEWISH RITUAL

THE REVEREND F. C. EWALD, the late missionary of the London Society for Promoting Christianity amongst the Jews, in his work on "Missionary Labours in Jerusalem" said, in 1844, six and thirty years ago, "It is a curious fact that in the Jewish Prayer Book, recently printed at the office of Rabbi Israel in Jerusalem, a prayer has been inserted for our most Gracious Majesty the Queen, which runs thus:

"May He that dispenseth salvation unto kings, and dominion unto princes, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, who delivered His servant David from the destructive sword, who maketh a way in the sea, and a path through the mighty waters bless, preserve, guard, assist, exalt, and highly aggrandize our Most Gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria; Adelaide, the Queen Dowager; the Prince Albert; Albert, Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family. May the supreme King kings through His infinite mercy grant them life, preserve them and deliver them from all manner of trouble, sorrow, and danger; subdue the nations under her feet; cause her enemies to fall before her; and grant her to reign prosperously. May the supreme King of kings, through His infinite mercy, inspire in her heart and in the heart of all her councillors and nobles, to have compassion and benevolence towards us and towards all Israel. In their days and in ours may Judah be saved and Israel dwell in safety, and the Redeemer come unto Zion, which God in His infinite mercy grant and say, Amen."

(From "Jewish Intelligence:1901 -

(From "Jewish Intelligence:1901 - reprinted in "The Banner of Israel"

*Pay 5th, 1880.)



DR. RYLE, BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND - in "Coming Events - And Present Duties": "I think we have made great mistakes, and it is high time to confess it. What I protest against is the habit of allegorising plain words of God concerning the future history of the nation of Israel, and explaining away

the fullness of their contents, in order to accommodate them during the next half century as has prevailed during the last fifty years, it will not only be foremost, as it is already in power and influence, but it will be absolutely the largest in respect of actual numbers. And we may even venture to say that the reason why God has given to this race its rapid increase, its dominance in both hemispheres, and its vast influence, is because God has appointed it to be His instrument for the setting up throughout the world of universal monarchy WHICH SHALL NEVER BE DESTROYED, AND OF WHICH THE RULE SHALL NOT BE LEFT TO ANOTHER PEOPLE. A1ready England and America are foremost in missionary effort,: and in the printing and circulation of the Word of God. But as yet it is but a feeble effort, and when the whole English speaking population awakens to a sense of its greatness, and of the high purpose for which God has bestowed upon it so large an extension and so high a place, the kingdom of the earth will rapidly be made the Kingdoms of our God, and upon the ground, now being with so great toil prepared for it, will rise THE GREAT MOUNTAIN WHICH SHALL FILL ALL THE EARTH." (From: 'Our Marvellous Empire'- 'Daniel's Prophecy' p.91-92, third edition.)

warn you that un-The Late Bishop, Dr. Ryle also stated: "I warn you less you interpret the prophetic portion of the Old Testament in the simple, literal meaning of its words, you will find it no easy matter to carry on an argument with an intelligent Jew. Will you dare to tell him that Zion, Jerusalem, Jacob, Judah, Ephraim, Israel did not mean what they seem to mean, but mean the Church of Christ? I believe it is high time for the Church of Christ to awake out of its sleep about Old Testament prophecy... For centuries there has prevailed in the Churches of Christ an unwarrantable mode of dealing with the word 'Israel.' It has been interpreted in many passages of the Psalms and Prophets as if it meant nothing more than Christian believers. Have promises been Men have been continually told that held out to Israel? they were addressed to Gentile saints. Have glorious things been described as laid up in store for Israel? Men have been insistently told that they described the victories and triumphs of the Gospel of Christian Churches... In reading the words which God addressed to His ancient people, never lose sight of the primary sense of the text."

(From: "Facets Of The Great Story")

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In 1599, a leading London Merchant, WILLIAM HARBOURNE, wrote the Earl of Essex the following letter: "The Almighty bless you as He did Joshua and David, fighting as your honor shall His battles for tranquility and the propagation of His Church. Glory to Her Majesty His anointed, and peace to His people, the ENGLISH ISRAEL." (Copied from the original letter addressed to the 'Right Honorable my Verie Good Lorde the Earl of Essex, High Chancellor of England.')

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SIR FRANCIS DRAKE, in his letter to John Fox, written aboard the good ship Bonaventure, "Besought the prayers of Fox that God may be glorified, His Church, our Queen and country preserved, the enemies of truth vanquished, that we might have continual peace in Israel. Our enemies are many but our Protector commandeth the whole earth." (1540-1596)

JOHN DRYDEN (1681) in one poem, designated England by the name Israel, fourteen times.

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In the JEWISH YEAR BOOK OF 1903 states: "that from the stand point of literal prophecy, Moses and the prophets are fulfilled in Great Britain, the other great Anglo-Saxon people, the United States; the Jews, and in no other."

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> 'He, the Great Lord, the Sovereign Judge That sits enthroned above, Wisely commands the world He made In justice and in love.

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ANCIENT PRELATE KNEW ISRAEL

Our Identity Testified by the Bishop of St. David's in A.D. 1377

It was the year the great conqueror, Edward 111, the father of English commerce, died. Edward the Black Prince, the heir of the British Crown, had passed away, to the grief of the nation, in June the previous year (A.D. 1376); and his son, Richard of Bordeaux, the Prince of Wales, a stripling of eleven years of age, was next to the throne.

His grandfather's reign, which had extended to 51 years, had been ost glorious in the annals of British history. It included in its scope the victories of Crecy and of the Poictiers; the conquest of France; the captivity of its king, John; the triumphs of the Black Prince in Spain; and the rise and rapid growth of Civil Liberty in our own land. At that crisis, Richard of Bordeaux, the Prince of Wales and Heir-Apparent, was introduced to the Parliament sitting in A.D. 1377 (the year of the King's death), by the Bishop of St. David's.

The speech made by that Prelate on the occasion was a remarkable one and should be interesting to us as being singularly confirmatory of the views we hold in regard to the origin of this nation.

Addressing the House, the Diocesan of St. David's said, in the quaint language of that day: "And so you may embrace your noble King with the arms of your perfect love, since he has sent you him whom you longed for. And after your King, embrace with love as perfect, my Lord the Prince, who is here present (God save him), whom you so hardently desired, and at now seeing whom you may repeat your Nunc Dimittis; for there is through him that peace over Israel which the Scriptures name---ISRAEL-- being the heritage of God, and that heritage being also---ENGLAND! For in Good Truth, I believe that God would never have honoured this country by victories such as had given GLORY TO ISRAEL, had He not intended it for His heritage also".

These remarkable words to have emanated in A.D. 1377, from lips ecclesiastical.

From "Lives of Prince of Wales", by Dr. Doray.

Taken from the Covenant Message, September 1951.

Discerning of Spirits

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In the Scriptures we are given a list of spiritual gifts. Some, because of their emotional aspect, have been given more consideration than others. There is one gift that needs to be given considerable thought and understanding in these days when Satan can be as an angel of light deceiving even the "very elect". This gift is the discerning of spirits.

It is interesting to note that the word "examined" in Luke 23:14 has the same root meaning as the word "discerning" in ICor 12:10. The root word is "Krino", which means to distinguish, that is to decide mentally or judicially. The word "examined" is from a Greek word "Anakrino", which means to scrutinize, by implying to investigate. The word "discerning" is from the Greek word "Diakrino", that is to separate thoroughly or to withdrawfrom or oppose; figuratively to discriminate.

From the meaning of these words we can see that this gift is not to be taken lightly. There is to be needed considerable effort and time spent by the person concerned.

In these days when so few people really know what it means to study the scripture word by word, it is little wonder that there are so many people confused as to what is the TRUTH. Whilst I would agree that there are many facets to almost any discussion there still exist very fundamental issues which must form the basis of a discussion.

With so many humanitarian and ecumenical teachings, all of them appearing as the genuine article is it any wonder that THEOCRASY, the blending of deities (Polytheism) is becoming more popular than THEOCRACY, God ruling by Divine Law (Monotheism).

I Thes 5:21 says that we are "to prove all things". The Strong's Concordance says that the words discernor examine implies the same as "prove". In Heb. 5:14 we are told that to discern good and evil is a characteristic of those who are of "full age". Isaiah