

THE KINGDOM TREE

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Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return,
and come with singing unto Zion;
and everlasting joy shall be upon their head:
they shall obtain gladness and joy;
and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

Isaiah 51:11

PREFACE:

The purpose of a book is much like the purpose of a fine dining experience. A fine restaurant will present you with different courses that will appeal to each and every sensory section of your tongue and will ultimately leave you feeling completely satiated. Books are very similar in that they should be multifaceted and when the last page is finally read the reader should feel like they could consume the book over and over and they will know that their thirst for knowledge has been satisfied.

I present this book to you with the knowledge that you will gain knowledge into the Bible and the Bible's prophecies of end time events. By presenting to you "The Kingdom Tree," I hope to help you the reader to understand the role of both National Israel and "grafted in" Israel (The Church) in all aspects of history; past, present and future. This book is a compilation of articles that have been published on The Delusion Resistance website over a period of 2004 to 2010 and copyrighted as such per article.

I approach my subject matter from a Hebraic point of view. In a day and age when we are bombarded by multiculturalism in just about every aspect of life we can find ourselves confused by religious terms that were clear and concise only twenty years in our past. Our society has fractured into many little cultures; each one with its own religion or belief system. In past decades here in America we all came from different parts of Europe and although all of our ancestors spoke different languages, or different dialects of the same idiom, we all recognized God as being the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. During the past twenty or so years this has changed because of a plethora of immigrants to our lands. If the name "God" is mentioned in

today's society it denotes different entities to different people. To the Hindu the word god could mean any one of thousands of gods, but most likely either Kali, Vishnu, Shiva or the Brahman. To the New Age, the word god probably means the "universe," or perhaps any number of the gods of nature, such as Gaia, the goddess of the Earth. To the Muslim the word god denotes Allah, and the list goes on and on with each culture.

To avoid any confusion I have decided to use Hebraic wordage in my section of this book. By doing this there can be no doubt what when I refer to Yahweh, or Elohim or El Elyon I am really talking about the God of Israel, the one true God; the King of King and Lord of Lords; the God who created the Heavens and the Earth; who lives outside of time and space and who will remain when all of the false gods are long gone and forgotten.

DEDICATION

I David Ruffino dedicate this book our Mashiach Yeshua, who made life possible and who brought us back to Elohim through your sacrifice and resurrection. Thank you for your unknowable and unsearchable ways which you reveal to your servants in your own timing. I also dedicate this book to my great grandmother Margareta Davi - Ruffino. You hid your Jewish roots well grandma, but I found out about you and who you really were. Yeshua preserved our ancestors so that you could marry my great grandfather and come to America so that I could pursue Yeshua and so that He could show me what I will present in this book. To Yahweh be the glory!!

In addition, I'd like to dedicate this book to my wife Barbara who is dedicated to this cause as much as I and whose zeal for the words in this book have spurred me to offer it to those who will be ministered to by the words written hereafter.

And finally, I'd also like to give honorable mention to men and women everywhere, to whom the Ruach Ha Kodesh is revealing your true heritage in Israel. This book is for you. May it bless you and lead you in all truth.

INTRODUCTION

The subject that we will broach in this book is bound to be controversial. We live in a society where almost anything will offend someone and people walk around like a person with a candle walking on dry pine needles. Society has conditioned us to politically correct and while that might be okay for some things it is not for others.

Back in 2007 Yahweh gave me (David) a dream and in that dream he showed that I was in a church preaching to blue cattle. The blue cattle sat the same ways that humans sat and if there had not been such a serious tone about the dream I would have probably woken myself up laughing; but that was not the case.

The dream progressed and I felt impressed by Yahweh that I should lead these cattle to safety because their lives were in danger. Suddenly we were in a desert scene but near a large body of water that was an ocean. Yahweh told me that there would be ships arriving to take the cattle to safety but we waited and waited and the ships never came. I sensed that we had been found out and that an evil presence was going to come to kill me and the cattle. I prayed and Yahweh told me that he would remove me from this scene and to trust that He had everything under control.

This dream bothered me and I prayed quite a bit about getting an interpretation from Yahweh. I told Jim about the dream and he said that he would pray about it. He called me and told me that he knew what the dream was about but that Yahweh had told him that I needed to wait for the Holy Spirit to talk to me and then Jim would be the confirmation. I felt impressed to look up blue cattle on the internet and found that there is indeed a breed of cattle known as “blue cattle.” I

found out that these cattle are special because they have a higher muscle content and they give yield more milk. These are special cows!

The Holy Spirit impressed me that the blue cattle of the dream were represented in a people here on earth, a people that are totally given over to Him for ministry. Whoever these people are it was evident by my dream that they would be in constant flux, never in one place and quite possibly pursued by the enemies of Yahweh. Some have dared to suggest that perhaps these people are the one hundred forty four thousand descendants of Jacob that are mentioned in the Book of Revelation; well, perhaps they are, who knows but Yahweh.

Not long after the dream both Jim and I had the idea of starting up a chat-room on the internet to see just who, if any we could come into contact with. We never said much about who we were trying to reach, but just said that we were looking for people who felt like they had a special call of evangelism in their lives. We weren't looking for those who are called to be pastors, or prophets, or apostles or any of the ministry components of the workers of the Holy Spirit; but just people who felt like they didn't fit in with what the corporate church was looking for in their ministry pursuits.

We were amazed to see that there is a whole church subculture that is waiting in the wings to do something special that Yahweh has called them to do. They are genuine born again believers in Yeshua, but they never felt comfortable in a church and many had seen a great deal of ungodly goings-on in the church arena. Most were politely asked to leave when they questioned these activities and some were literally kicked out of their fellowships. When a person is born again in the Holy Spirit they are given spiritual discernment to some degree; some less and some more, but most people have it at their new birth. They were able to discern via the Holy Spirit things

that were wrong and when they mentioned to the pastor or church board; and as is usually the case, it is easier to kill the prophet than it is to change the system; so they were not welcomed at church anymore.

Depicting such people as cattle was an interesting thing for Yahweh to do. Cattle are a lot like people, in that they always need to be led around. Sure people have free will, but if you don't give them something to do they will sit around and watch television all day and only get up to eat or use the bathroom or to sleep. Yahweh knew this when he wrote:

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Proverbs 29:18

Keeping the Law of Moses was a time consuming thing. Most Christians know the Law of Moses to be the Ten Commandments that were given to Moses on Mount Sinai. In reality, for the Jewish person there are a total of 613 Commandments. Up until recent years most people kept some sort of regimen for life. Usually dad went out to work while mom took care of the home and the kids. They all worked together to prosper in that they would have a nice home, decent transportation and some sort of education for the children. When the kids flew from the nest the parents worked toward saving for a retirement. There was a vision and the action of the family members worked toward fulfilling that vision or goal.

Cattle have a goal too. The goal of cattle is to eat, drink and to reproduce. The thing is that cattle have to be led to the water and to the greener pasture or they will not survive. They are docile creatures and if they are not guarded they will often fall prey to wolves, coyote's and other carnivores.

The people who fellowship with us in our chat-room are in many ways like the cattle. Often they have fallen prey to wolves within the church and many have injuries that they are still mending. Even after time slips by, possibly even decades later the scars are still visible from their attacks. They are often adamant about not going to a church and they have very little fellowship with other believers who can help them to become healed or can help them to stay on the narrow road toward a fulfilled life in Yeshua.

We've noticed that often our new found brothers and sisters have gone off on tangents. This is because of their hurts for the most part; sort of like someone who puts a butterfly bandage on a wound that really needs stitches. We'll talk about some of those tangents later in this book.

In our studies we have discovered so many wonderful things placed in Yahweh's Word that pertains to those of us who live in this time of human history. We've discovered that although there are many beliefs as to who the real Jews are, or who are Yahweh's true Chosen People, there is only one truth, and it is plain to see if a believer looks into the Bible with open eyes and a heart that wants to know the truth. The Bible is replete with passages telling us how Yahweh wants to give us wisdom and show us the truth, and all we have to do is to ask for it:

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. James 1:5

It is such a blessing to live in this time of history. It is this time that Yahweh promised to Daniel the prophet that things would be revealed to believers; things that Yahweh told Daniel to seal up until the end time:

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. Daniel 12:4

So come with us we implore you and see what has been revealed to us regarding Yahweh's remnant, His Sanctified people. Come and see what your true heritage is, both those who are of the root stock of the Olive Tree, and those who have been grafted into that stock. When you finish this book you will have a whole new aspect of who you are, and what Yeshua did for you when He died on the cross, not only to save you for your sins, but to adopt you into your inheritance that was procured for you from the foundation of the world.

CHAPTER ONE

NAME YOUR IDENTITY CRISIS

A while back we encountered a person who was doing a lot of crazy things. One day we would see her and she would have blue hair and the next time we saw her she had orange hair. It wasn't long before we noticed that she had metal piercings in her face and then in her tongue. Next came a barrage of tattoos. Of course she assured us that she had consulted with "God" about all of this and since He didn't audibly tell her "NO" she thought it to be a green light to proceed. What ensued was someone who transformed from a nice young woman to someone who looked like they should work for Ringling Bros. Circus. I don't want to appear to be cruel by what I said, but when I was growing up the circus is the only place where someone with all of the accoutrements could be found.

I talked to someone related to her and they assured me that this young lady was just trying to find herself. Although she claimed to be a born again believer in Yeshua, she still didn't know who she really was and someone (and it wasn't God) convinced her that relationship with Yahweh wasn't important as finding out who she really was. She was having a severe identity crisis and as of this writing she hasn't found who she really is and has only degraded into a worse state. While her condition is bad, it makes things worse that she is a mother and wife and the rest of the family is affected by her inward search.

Things were much easier when we were kids back in the 60s and early 70's. I grew up in Bergen County, New Jersey and everyone's heritage went back to Europe. We were Italians, Germans,

Poles, Spanish, Danes, Irish and others and when it came to religion; we were Protestant, Catholic or Jewish. I never met an agnostic or atheist until we moved to California in 1974.

When I was a teenager things started to change. Before this time you could know who everyone was by their ancestral national heritage. If a person was Irish, Polish or Italian you knew that they were a Catholic. If a person was English, Danish or German (in most cases) you could assume that they were a Protestant. If you palled around with someone named Levy, Cohen or Rosen it was assumed that they were Jewish. However during my teen years several things started to happen. The sexual revolution was in full swing as was the use of drugs and people started to lose their desire to know God. Of course this meant that they stopped going to church or synagogue and this created a moral vacuum.

For the first two hundred years of American history people immigrated to the United States. They came here with the express desire to leave their old heritage behind and to join in the Great American Experiment. Literally speaking, old things were passed away and all things were new for them. Those who didn't know the English language learned it quickly and they enforced in their children's psyche that English was the official language of the land.

My own grandfather told me a story that illustrates how serious the new immigrants back in his day took their move to America, and how important assimilation was to them. My great grandfather, whose name was Egidio took his young son on many of his business dealings. One day they stopped in a store to buy some supplies before going home. While in the store my grandfather started to talk to his father in Italian. His father grabbed him by the earlobe and brought him outside of the store. He sternly told my grandfather that it was okay to speak Italian at home, but whenever they were outside of the home, he demanded that he speak English. He

told my grandfather that the American people were so wonderful, allowing immigrants from Italy to enter and become citizens and he said that it was a sign of respect to speak English in the land that accepted them with open arms.

Let's come back to the 1960's again, shall we. Like I said above, when people leave church and ignore Yahweh then they create a vacuum inside of them. Yahweh is a gentleman and He is not going to stay where He is not welcome. A person's spirit recognizes the vacuum and tries to replace it with something; anything that will fill the void, even if it isn't the shape of the void.

This process didn't start with the Europeans though, and if people my age or older think back hard they'll remember that it actually started with black Americans. For centuries that had been referred to as black or negro and also a variety of racial slurs that I won't dignify by placing in this book. They agreed that it was easier to coalesce under one banner, that being African American. This was soon followed by those with European heritage and soon these were labeling themselves as Irish-American, Italian-American and so on. A little while later people from Latin American took on this moniker and names like Mexican-American and Cuban-American became popular. Interestingly enough, this fad didn't catch on in the Asian community. Those whose ancestors hailed from Asia didn't call themselves Chinese-American or Japanese-American, but they ALL called themselves Asian-American.

Again we must look at what precipitated this fad, so to speak. We saw earlier how those who came from Europe came here, forsaking their former heritage to become Americans. They didn't want to be associated with the poverty and persecution that Europe offered them and their ancestors and they wanted a fresh start. Along with that, they all had faith in God and that faith in the same God: Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, brought them all together.

When we were children we were taught the Pledge of Allegiance and we recited it every morning while we placed our hands over our hearts. Part of the pledge says, "One nation under God indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." Whoever decided to insert the part about God in the pledge was incredibly anointed when they did that. In effect, what the pledge is saying is, "the nation will be 'one nation' while it is under God, and as long as it is under God nobody will be able to divide it, and that when it is in this state, there will be liberty and justice for all."

There is however a flipside to this idea, in that if the nation would someday cast aside Yahweh as being its foundation, it would no longer be one nation, and it would be divided and liberty and justice would not be for all, but for those could yell the loudest in the streets and those who had the best attorney's suing in their behalf. The history of the past fifty years has borne out this societal trend to be true. We've seen time and time again where groups like the ACLU and other special interest law centers push the envelope of the Constitution and they've torn at it like unruly young lions leaving the once rock solid document in little more than shredded paper.

How on earth did this start to happen one might ask? All throughout the history of the United States, up until 1962 children recited a prayer at the beginning of each school day. The prayers varied but they went something like this:

"Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our Country." [Source: my deceased father, James Ruffino]

This was known as "The Regents School Prayer," and it became illegal (*Engel v. Vitale*, 1962) to pray this prayer in schools that prayed the regent style of prayer. In other words, it was a prayer that everyone was expected to pray during the prayer time and it was conducted by the school and its officials. This did not affect voluntary prayers in schools. It was a year later in a venue

that was argued in the case (Murray v. Curlett, 1963) that the courts decided that all prayer was unconstitutional and thus banned from public schools.

The results of such a decision are tragic and have affected our nation in ways that prove that Deuteronomy 28 and the curses therein for a nation that walks away from Yahweh are still active. The results of such a decision are found in a statistical study published in a book titled, “America: To Pray or Not to Pray,” authored by David Barton and published in 1994 by WallBuilder Press. Bear in mind that all of the figures and statistics compiled in this book are taken from data made available by the Department of Health and Human Services, the Center for Disease Control, Statistical Abstracts of the United States, Vital Statistics of the United States, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and other official sources.

The study states:

A. Statistics on Young People

1. For 15 years before 1963 pregnancies in girls ages 15 through 19 years had been no more than 15 per thousand After 1963 pregnancies increased 187% in the next 15 years.
2. For younger girls, ages 10 to 14 years, pregnancies since 1963 are up 553%.
3. Before 1963 sexually transmitted diseases among students were 400 per 100,000. Since 1963, they were up 226% in the next 12 years.

B. Statistics on The Family

1. Before 1963 divorce rates had been declining for 15 years. After 1963 divorces increased 300% each year for the next 15 years.

2. Since 1963 unmarried people living together is up 353%
3. Since 1963 single parent families are up 140%.
4. Since 1963 single parent families with children are up 160%.

C. Statistics on Education

1. The educational standard of measure has been the SAT scores. SAT scores had been steady for many years before 1963. From 1963 they rapidly declined for 18 consecutive years, even though the same test has been used since 1941.

2. In 1974-75 the rate of decline of the SAT scores decreased, even though they continued to decline. That was when there was an explosion of private religious schools. There were only 1000 Christian schools in 1965. Between 1974 to 1984 they increased to 32,000.

a. That could have an impact if the private schools had higher SAT scores. In checking with the SAT Board it was found that indeed the SAT scores for private schools were nearly 100 points higher than public schools.

b. In fact the scores were at the point where the public schools had been before their decline started in 1963 when prayer and Bible reading/ instruction was removed from the schools.

c. The scores in the public schools were still declining.

3. Of the nation's top academic scholars, three times as many come from private religious schools, which operate on one-third the funds as do the public schools.

D. Statistics on The Nation

1. Since 1963 violent crime has increased 544%.
3. Illegal drugs have become an enormous & uncontrollable problem.
2. The nation has been deprived of an estimated 30 million citizens through legal abortions just since 1973.

Oftentimes these statistics are refuted by people as being just a coincidence but the funny thing about mathematics is that it doesn't lie and statistical analysis done using mathematics is always correct unless the numbers are corrupted on purpose. It is also important to take into account that these statistics were formulated by secular government agencies that would not fudge the numbers to enforce the spiritual principle that David Barton presents.

To effectively deceive and coerce a people there are two entities that are necessary in order to bring about the change that you desire. We've already seen how the courts were manipulated to remove Yahweh from the schools so as to tear down the Godly cohesion that has held together our nation for centuries. Since its inception and until the 1960's the United States Government was seen by the populace as being something that could be trusted and it was until that time that it could be said that the government basically looked out for the common welfare of the American People. The other bastion of freedom was the free press that was supposed to present the news to the populace in an unbiased manner. The New York Times was considered by many to be a bulwark of truth and freedom. During the summer of 1966 the Times published an article where it proclaimed "God is Dead." To a nation that was seeing firsthand the result of a nation that had banished "God" from its midst the article, although shocking and controversial, never really caused many to become circumspect and America had become so apathetic that nobody

did or said anything to counter the claim. After all, so many had disowned Yahweh by this time that in effect, in their hearts and minds He was dead.

In the early 1970's America was well into its decline. It is quite possible that if the nation had humbled itself and admitted its sin and repented that Yahweh would have healed our land; however there was another insidious abomination lurking in the shadows; the practice of abortion. In 1973 the question of the abortion of the unborn reached the United States Supreme Court in the infamous case of Roe vs. Wade. The final determination of the Court was that abortion was a legal practice which led to the death of well over forty million unborn babies.

Many people ask how Yahweh can sit by and watch this happen. Scripture tends to support the notion that there is a cutoff point when Yahweh finally says, "ENOUGH." American's cup of iniquity has been full for some time and we feel that probably the only factor that has kept Yahweh from bringing forth full judgment on this nation is that fact that we've been an ardent supporter of Israel. However, with the anti-Israel sentiment of the Obama administration and the Muslim support of the last three administrations, there is nothing holding Yahweh back from judging America; and it has already begun.

Yes, people are running around trying to find out who they really are. Since there is no unifying factor in Yahweh anymore in this land every person and every ethnic group is jockeying for top figure on the totem pole of American society. The government and the media would have us believe that the great social experiment of America is working fine and that all of the wrinkles are being ironed out by the government through legislation but the iron is cold and the wrinkles remain and the America of 2010 is much more fragmented and segregated than the America of

the 1970's and there isn't any indication that things are getting better. Well, how can they; we've cast away the only unifying factor; Yahweh.

The Bible is quite clear that Yahweh, and only Yahweh can bring people together. In the early Christian Church there were divisions and we can see this by the letters that were written by the Apostle Paul to the churches. Some of the Jewish believers didn't think that Gentiles could become believers unless they became Jewish too and this caused a lot of angst. Even Peter had to be corrected by Yahweh concerning this:

And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, [that] call not thou common. . . . And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. Acts 10:15,28

We learn from this that Yahweh is the one that makes people clean when they are born again. We learn also that when someone comes to Yahweh through the atonement of Yeshua that they are stripped of their identity and given a new identity:

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26-28

If we are in Messiah Yeshua then there is no race, or creed or color or any of those worldly identification monikers. When we are part of him then there are only two peoples; the saved and the unsaved.

When people are in Messiah Yeshua then we are new creations and the people that we once were are dead and buried and Yeshua gives us a clean slate. I was part of an event that shows how this works. Back in the 1970's I moved to California with my dad. We came from New Jersey and there was a bit of a culture shock for me. As I grew comfortable in my new school setting I made friends with several of the black students that went to Vacaville High School. We were still part of the hippy generation and we all had the peace and love mentality.

As time progressed the black power movement came to our school and almost all of my black student friends bought into that belief. By the time that the school year ended in 1976 none of my black friends would have anything to do with me and it hurt me badly. I didn't harbor any animosity in my heart toward them but felt sad that a new ideology could come between us and that I was in effect being blamed for the ills of white men generations past that I neither identified with nor was I related to. One particular friend named Larry became quite militant and it seemed that he was always at odds with other students who could not and would not even try to understand folks like Larry and their new identity.

A couple of years out of high school I became a believer in Yeshua and I put all of the prior things behind me and moved on in my new faith. Twenty years had passed and I found myself again in Vacaville visiting my sister on one particular day. I left her home and stopped to fill my gas tank when I noticed someone in the next pump lane toward the front. I knew right away that it was Larry and it seemed that we both saw each other at the same time. It was evident from the look on his face and what must have been the look on my own face that we both felt awkward and didn't know how to continue. All of a sudden I felt a peace within myself and felt the urging of the Holy Spirit to go over to Larry. I figured that at the very least I'd tell him about my faith and let things go whatever way they would go from there. I can't remember who sprung the faith

card first but in less than a minute we both knew that we had found Yeshua and that we belonged to the same faith. To Larry I wasn't white and to me Larry wasn't black but we were both children of Yahweh through the blood of Yeshua. The scripture in Galatians chapter three came to my mind and I realized that the words of the Apostle Paul weren't just words, but they were prophetic utterings from Yahweh that seemed to be written just for the divine appointment that Larry and I was having in some obscure gas station on that particular day in Vacaville.

As we progress in this book you will see that Yahweh has worked things out in such a wonderful way and you will see that, if you are a true believer in Yeshua, your heritage has all been worked out from the foundation of the world. There are no accidents or coincidences in Yahweh's Kingdom and each and every detail is already known by Yahweh and everything works out for His Glory. Now let's look further and deeper into things, shall we?

CHAPTER TWO

DOES OUR GENETIC STRUCTURE CHANGE

WHEN WE ARE BORN AGAIN?

In parts of this chapter we will talk about judgment and discrimination. Some people will see that horrible word, the "J" word, and they might be apprehensive about reading on. Let me enforce with all assuredness that it is okay to judge things and even people. There are many words in the Greek that are all translated out "judge" or "judgment" in the Brit Hadasha (New Covenant). If however one does a study in the original language, in this case Greek, one will see that in each instance where "judge" is used in our English Bibles, it takes on varied meanings and can only be correctly translated by using the word in the proper context for the application in question. This is where original language word studies come in so handy. So, let me clarify that the word for "judge" that I am using here, in the Greek is the word *krino* {kree'-no} and it means: to separate, put asunder, to pick out, select, choose. Basically, it means *to discriminate*. The word "discriminate" has gotten a bad rap in modern society. In modern times this word is used to depict someone or a group of people who are of the opinion that they or someone that they know are better than another group of people. And by the definition of the word, that is discrimination.

The word "discrimination" can have many good meanings. If you are a two car family, and you cannot discriminate the difference between the two keys then chances are that you're not going to get very far in your travels. If you bake things and can't discriminate between baking powder and alum then the chances are that you're going to have a lot of people walking around with cotton

mouth. And finally, if you're asked to jump start the car of someone who has a dead battery, and you can't discriminate between the positive and negative leads the chances are that you're going to burn out the charging system of at least one of the vehicles.

God Himself could be accused of discrimination by using today's standards, as we see in the following scripture:

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 1 Peter 5:5

Now we all know that Yahweh is just, and His ways are righteous. The Greek word for resisteth (resists) is *antitassomai* {*an-tee-tas'-som-ahee*}, and it means; *to range in battle against, to oppose oneself; to resist*. So what the scripture is saying is that Yahweh postures Himself in battle against a prideful people, but He shows amnesty and peace toward those that are humble. Yes, Yahweh does discriminate, but in purity and righteousness. That is the same way that His People are supposed to judge.

And true judgment can be explained by the following:

For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his

heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. Luke 6:43-45

So the litmus test is to see the finished product of a person's intent. But the finished product isn't the only thing that we should judge. We should judge everything we see, do, think, say and purpose with how it lines up with Yahweh's Word; The Bible. Not only are we to judge our own intentions by this final authority, but also the deeds and intentions of others as well. Whereas the world vacillates between good and bad depending on the mood and desires of those who are in control of things at the time in question; the Bible is firm and never changing. Although people try to corrupt it's meaning, the original intent of Yahweh always shouts out like a thousand trumpets proclaiming His fidelity to His own Word, and His Word's fidelity to Him.

So the purpose of this article is to show that when a person comes to faith in Yeshua, in a true and genuine Born Again life, that they are a new creature; a new creation of Yahweh. In that, there is a difference in both lifestyle, attitude and life's purpose. If you read this article and feel judged, then you are; Yahweh's Word says just that:

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

John 16:7-11

But you don't have to remain in this condition and can just repent and be saved. We'll explain more about that later on in this book. The information in the next few following sections is from the United States, Nation Institute of Health website which is located at the address in the section below:

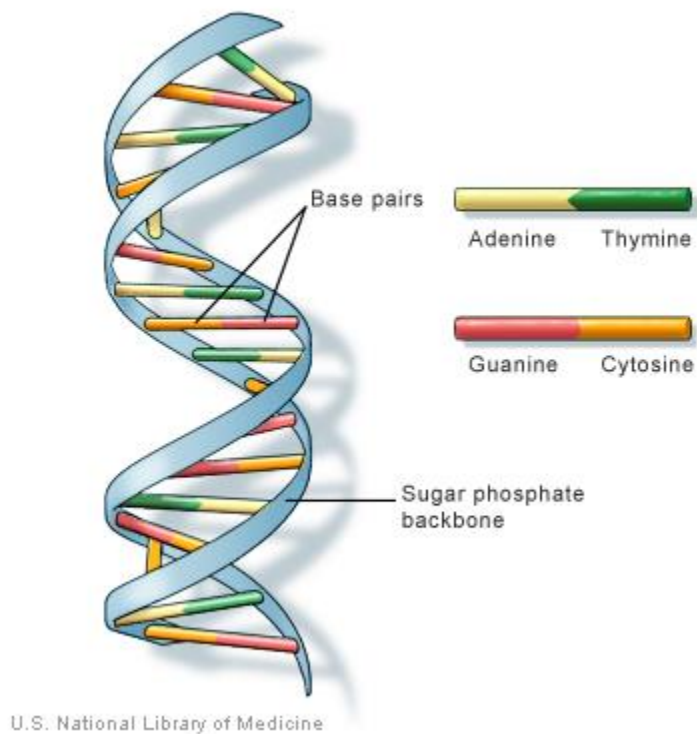
What Is DNA?

DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid, is the hereditary material in humans and almost all other organisms. Nearly every cell in a person's body has the same DNA. Most DNA is located in the cell nucleus (where it is called nuclear DNA), but a small amount of DNA can also be found in the mitochondria (where it is called mitochondrial DNA or mtDNA).

The information in DNA is stored as a code made up of four chemical bases: adenine (A), guanine (G), cytosine (C), and thymine (T). Human DNA consists of about 3 billion bases, and more than 99 percent of those bases are the same in all people. The order, or sequence, of these bases determines the information available for building and maintaining an organism, similar to the way in which letters of the alphabet appear in a certain order to form words and sentences.

DNA bases pair up with each other, A with T and C with G, to form units called base pairs. Each base is also attached to a sugar molecule and a phosphate molecule. Together, a base, sugar, and phosphate are called a nucleotide. Nucleotides are arranged in two long strands that form a spiral called a double helix. The structure of the double helix is somewhat like a ladder, with the base pairs forming the ladder's rungs and the sugar and phosphate molecules forming the vertical sidepieces of the ladder.

An important property of DNA is that it can replicate, or make copies of itself. Each strand of DNA in the double helix can serve as a pattern for duplicating the sequence of bases. This is critical when cells divide because each new cell needs to have an exact copy of the DNA present in the old cell.



How can gene mutations affect health and development?

To function correctly, each cell depends on thousands of proteins to do their jobs in the right places at the right times. Sometimes, gene mutations prevent one or more of these proteins from working properly. By changing a gene's instructions for making a protein, a mutation can cause the protein to malfunction or to be missing entirely. When a mutation alters a protein that plays a

critical role in the body, it can disrupt normal development or cause a medical condition. A condition caused by mutations in one or more genes is called a genetic disorder.

In some cases, gene mutations are so severe that they prevent an embryo from surviving until birth. These changes occur in genes that are essential for development, and often disrupt the development of an embryo in its earliest stages. Because these mutations have very serious effects, they are incompatible with life.

It is important to note that genes themselves do not cause disease—genetic disorders are caused by mutations that make a gene function improperly. For example, when people say that someone has “the cystic fibrosis gene,” they are usually referring to a mutated version of the CFTR gene, which causes the disease. All people, including those without cystic fibrosis, have a version of the CFTR gene.

What is a gene mutation and how do mutations occur?

A gene mutation is a permanent change in the DNA sequence that makes up a gene. Mutations range in size from a single DNA building block (DNA base) to a large segment of a chromosome.

Gene mutations occur in two ways: they can be inherited from a parent or acquired during a person’s lifetime. Mutations that are passed from parent to child are called hereditary mutations or germline mutations (because they are present in the egg and sperm cells, which are also called germ cells). This type of mutation is present throughout a person’s life in virtually every cell in

the body.

Mutations that occur only in an egg or sperm cell, or those that occur just after fertilization, are called new (de novo) mutations. De novo mutations may explain genetic disorders in which an affected child has a mutation in every cell, but has no family history of the disorder.

Acquired (or somatic) mutations occur in the DNA of individual cells at some time during a person's life. These changes can be caused by environmental factors such as ultraviolet radiation from the sun, or can occur if a mistake is made as DNA copies itself during cell division.

Acquired mutations in somatic cells (cells other than sperm and egg cells) cannot be passed on to the next generation.

Mutations may also occur in a single cell within an early embryo. As all the cells divide during growth and development, the individual will have some cells with the mutation and some cells without the genetic change. This situation is called mosaicism.

Some genetic changes are very rare; others are common in the population. Genetic changes that occur in more than 1 percent of the population are called polymorphisms. They are common enough to be considered a normal variation in the DNA. Polymorphisms are responsible for many of the normal differences between people such as eye color, hair color, and blood type. Although many polymorphisms have no negative effects on a person's health, some of these variations may influence the risk of developing certain disorders.

Do all gene mutations affect health and development?

No; only a small percentage of mutations cause genetic disorders—most have no impact on

health or development. For example, some mutations alter a gene's DNA base sequence but do not change the function of the protein made by the gene.

Often, gene mutations that could cause a genetic disorder are repaired by certain enzymes before the gene is expressed (makes a protein). Each cell has a number of pathways through which enzymes recognize and repair mistakes in DNA. Because DNA can be damaged or mutated in many ways, DNA repair is an important process by which the body protects itself from disease.

A very small percentage of all mutations actually have a positive effect. These mutations lead to new versions of proteins that help an organism and its future generations better adapt to changes in their environment. For example, a beneficial mutation could result in a protein that protects the organism from a new strain of bacteria. *[The source for DNA information and picture found at: <http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/handbook/basics/dna>]*

Genes And Our Inheritance:

Inheritance is a strange thing. The vast majority of people in this world have probably never heard of that word. That is because most of the world lives in a condition where inheritance is rare. The inheritance that most people on earth receive on the death of a loved one are the memories of that loved one. They have the treasure of remembering the rich things in life; love between a parent and child; an aunt or uncle with their niece or nephew and any number of combinations that you can think of. Life's lessons are another inheritance that many people receive. Good advice and how to use it in life's situations are invaluable. You can have all of the money in the world, and if you lack common sense all of that money is really worthless. The lesson of how to show true and genuine love to people is another inheritance that we receive

from loved ones before they departed from this life. And probably the best inheritance is when someone shares their faith in Yeshua with a nonbeliever and they accept and find the grace and peace that one finds when they are in God's love. What a wonderful gift to pass on to other generations.

We inherit physical and emotional traits from our loved ones too. How many times will parents of a newborn child comment to each other about how that child had a nose like the father and the eyes of the mother, and so on? As we get older we see ourselves becoming almost clone-like, an image of one parent or another. We notice that we picked up little habits or traits that our parents have or had. And even if the trait is something that we do not like, and we try to deny it or rid ourselves of it, it still hangs on and refuses to go. That is because it is part of our inheritance from our fathers and forefathers.

Sadly we have to admit that there are bad traits that we pick up from our parents. Someone might pick up anger from their parent while in the same family, a brother and sister will pick up passivity from the other parent. One child might be an introvert; never wanting to leave their home, while the other child becomes the extravert; a mister or miss popularity that just can't get enough of people or events. Abusers tend to spawn abusers and children of alcoholics are more likely to become alcoholics themselves. Of course, many of these things aren't in the actual gene pool of the family, but are acquired because of family dynamics. But when one thinks of it, they are still passed down, and that is an inheritance.

One good example of genes being passed down can be seen in the study of twins, especially if they are identical. Numerous studies have been conducted on twins, triplets and others of like

status who were separated at birth or as young children. When these children are reunited as adults they are astonished to find that most of their traits are the same. Not only do they look alike, but they play the same instruments, have married similar women or men, have similar or the same profession, and their likes and dislikes are almost identical. This cannot be attributed to chance or dumb luck, but has to be a genetic predisposition encoded into the genetic structure of each individual.

The Original Human Genetic Condition:

Many in the scientific realm now agree that humans had a ancestral pair of progenitors. That, meaning that there was a first male and female of humankind. They place their existence in a different place and at a far earlier time, but they agree with the Bible's statement that there was an Adam and Chava at the beginning of the human race. We'll assume (and quite assuredly at that) that both Adam and Chava both possessed the genes to make every human variety that there is on earth; from the darkest skin color to the lightest; from the darkest eyes to the lightest; from the blondest hair to the darkest, etc. We'll also assuredly assume that every variety that is between in all of those categories was available too in their gene makeup. We also have to assume that there was aesthetic perfection in their visage too.

But aside from their physical appearance I believe that they were psychologically perfect and perfect in every part of their demeanor. Before their fall to temptation they lived in a perfect creation without the hindrances of sin and the corruption that rebellion brings. Their conversation at the end of a day wasn't centered about how lousy the job was or how it is so hard to keep the house clean. Their conversation was probably centered around the blessings that they received

from Yahweh, and how they could tend the garden to better serve Him. As illustrated in Genesis, there were times when Yahweh would come to fellowship with them. So, it was just about as perfect as perfect gets; at least for a little while. And we find out just how great it was by looking at the following scripture:

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Genesis 1:31

Now let's look at the meanings of a couple of Hebrew words in the passage to see just how great the newly formed creation was.

Strongs Very

Strongs H3966 *m@`od {meh-ode'}* מְאֹד

- 1) exceedingly, much
- 2) might, force, abundance
- 3) muchness, force, abundance, exceedingly
 - a) force, might
 - b) exceedingly, greatly, very (idioms showing magnitude or degree)
 - 1) exceedingly
 - 2) up to abundance, to a great degree, exceedingly
 - 3) with muchness, muchness

Strong's: Good

Strong's H2896 *towb* {*tobe*} טוב

- 1) good, pleasant, agreeable
 - a) pleasant, agreeable (to the senses)
 - b) pleasant (to the higher nature)
 - c) good, excellent (of its kind)
 - d) good, rich, valuable in estimation
 - e) good, appropriate, becoming
 - f) better (comparative)
 - g) glad, happy, prosperous (of man's sensuous nature)
 - h) good understanding (of man's intellectual nature)
 - i) good, kind, benign
 - j) good, right (ethical)

What a wonderful insight we get of Elohim's new creation when we read the original language.

The word for "good" is *Tobe*, or in its present usage it is pronounced *Tov*. It is the same word that is used to announce a good morning, evening or night to a person. If someone in Israel asked you how you are doing, you could just look at them and say *Tov, toda*, or good, thanks. The richness of the scripture comes when we look at the word for "very." The word *meh-ode* means exceedingly abundant. So, a rendition of the phrase would read that the creation was good with exceedingly abundance. It almost sounds like Yahweh is expressing that He did such a good job

at creating the universe that He exceeded His own expectations; if that were possible. So when we look at Adam and subsequently at Chava, we see that they weren't just a good creation, but were perfection in its highest form. Their genetic makeup was flawless; there is no other way to look at it.

All Was Not Well In Paradise:

Adam and Chava were perfect in every way. Not only were they physically perfect, but they had a perfect intellect. Many people, when they think of the couple tend to think of them as just a couple of ignorant early humans who were only given enough intelligence to be able to name the animals and tend the Garden of Eden. The truth is that they were created as adults, not as children. Adam is told right at the beginning:

And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. Genesis 2:15

The Hebrew word for "dress" is *`abad {aw-bad'}*, and it means to labor or to do work. It also means *to be tilled or worked*. The Hebrew word for "keep," *shamar {shaw-mar'}* is very interesting; it means *to protect, guard, observe or to watch*. The two jobs that Yahweh gave to Adam weren't jobs that some ignorant know nothing could do. Farming and husbandry both take a great deal of skill and the ability to pick up knowledge and use that knowledge as its use becomes necessary. It is interesting that Yahweh commissions Adam to be a watchman or guard for the garden. This usage of terms seems to suggest that there is an enemy that the Garden needs to be protected from. Of course we know that the enemy was Satan. The timing of this commission also suggests that Satan, and his angels' fall from grace happened before this time.

Notice also that only Adam is given this commission, and not Chava. Yahweh would have given Adam instructions about how to guard the Garden and what to look out for. Being the guard, he would have always been at a higher alert level than Chava, sort of like a security guard in a department store is always at a higher state of alert than the sales persons who work there. This would have made Chava an easier target for Satan, and one easier to deceive.

Just as a side note, I feel that we should explore the nature of the serpent that beguiled Chava. The word for serpent is *Nachash*, and in its normal form, it means "serpent." But, when one looks at the root of *Nachash* we come up with the following:

The Hebrew word rendered "serpent" in Genesis 3:1 is *Nachash* (from the root *Nachash, to shine*, and means *a shining one*. Hence, in Chaldee it means *brass* or *copper*, because of its *shining*. Hence also, the word *Nehushtan*, a piece of brass, in 2Kings 18:4.

In the same way *Saraph*, in Isaiah 6:2,6, means *a burning one*, and, because the serpents mentioned in Numbers 21 were burning, in the poison of their bite, they were called *Saraphim*, or *Seraphs*.

But when the LORD said unto Moses, "Make thee a fiery serpent" (Numbers 21:8), He said, "Make thee a *Saraph*", and, in obeying this command, we read in verse 9, "Moses made a *Nachash* of brass". *Nachash* is thus used as being interchangeable with *Saraph*.

Now, if *Saraph* is used of a serpent because its bite was *burning*, and is also used of a celestial or spirit-being (a burning one), why should not *Nachas* be used of a serpent

because its appearance was *shining*, and be also used of a celestial or spirit-being (a shining one)? [Source: Appendix 19 of the Companion Bible]

It makes much more sense to understand Chava's being deceived when one realized that the Nachash (the shining one) was actually an angelic shining being that spoke to her. Any story of her being beguiled by a snake (serpent) sitting in a tree makes Chava look like some backwoods ignoramus who couldn't spell words with more than three letters. But by our knowing that she was created from the rib of Adam, and that she possessed perfection herself, and was equally as intelligent as Adam makes us realize that Satan's deception was more than just a simple come-on line.

Adam and Chava were created with a dangerous ability. Just like you and me, they had the freedom of choice. We know this partly because Yahweh had to command them to do certain things. Had they not had freedom of choice then Yahweh could have just programmed them to be robotic drones, much like worker bees in a bee colony; only having specific jobs and not a mind of their own. The classic scripture that proves their personal choice ability is when Yahweh tells them not to eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, telling them that should they do so, they would die.

Now to further prove their intelligence, we have to look at how Satan deceived Chava. If she had been some individual with a base intelligence then Satan could have just showed her the fruit and espoused its finer attributes. He could have said, "hey, what does Yahweh know. This fruit is pleasant to the touch, it smells great and its taste is to die for." No pun intended. But even Satan knew that Chava possessed a superior intellect, so he had to bypass her knowledge and appeal to

her flesh. The ultimate purpose of the flesh is to have freedom from Yahweh and to have self control and self autonomy. The promise of a great tasting piece of fruit, while it would temporarily satiate the flesh still bore the promise of death. He promised her that if she ate of the fruit, she could become like God. The promise of godhood was just too much to pass up. And of course, we all know how the story went. A perfect analogy is seen in gambling. If you had only ten dollars and someone told you that if your gamble would get you twenty dollars, you'd think hard about it. Sure, twenty dollars would be nice, but the ten that you have in your pocket will buy you a couple of meals and that food will help you to survive longer. If you lost it in the gamble, you'd starve, right? But if someone came up to you and said that there's a sure fire way to parlay that ten dollars into two or three million dollars then the promise is much better. Of course, you still have the same chances that you'll lose your ten dollars, but the hope of a better reward should you win, is extremely tempting. If you win, you'll be a financial god; able to afford just about anything, having no worry and living fat and sassy. You start to think about losing. If I lose I'll be able to get another ten dollars in a couple of weeks. I could starve for that long should I lose, ponder. You start to think that you could always ask someone for money if you lost the gamble. Maybe the person placing the bet would have compassion on you and, seeing your situation, will give you the money back. I'm sure that some similar thoughts went through Chava's head before she acquiesced to the temptations of Satan. The thing is that Yahweh has to stick by His own word. He has to abide by His own decisions and rules and He couldn't change them for anyone who was in rebellion.

And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. 1

Timothy 2:14

So, if Adam was not deceived, then why did he eat of the fruit from a tree that he was commanded not to eat from? Well, I guess that people have speculated about that throughout time. My personal view is that Chava was the only possession on Earth that Adam really cared for. She was a part of him, bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh. She was his companion, his confidant and someone that he loved dearly. He love her so much so that he deliberately rebelled against Yahweh in order that she would not have to forego the punishment alone. He was a type of the future Messiah, who would love His Church so much that he was willing to die for her. Something to chew on for quite a while, don't you think?

What Was Lost In The Fall of Mankind?

The act of Adam an Chava's rebellion against God was one that could not go unpunished. It's fairly simple to deduce what humankind lost as a result of that rebellion. When we look at the scripture below, we can get some idea of what was lost by seeing what is taken from from Adam and Chava, or by what they received in the way of punishment.

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it

wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life. Genesis 3:16-24

God first addresses Chava, probably because she was the first of the two to rebel against Yahweh's commandment not to eat the fruit. The words in Hebrew for what Yahweh told Chava are as follows:

- sorrow = `itsabown {its-tsaw-bone'} = pain, labor, hardship or sorrow or toil
- conception = herown {hay-rone'} or herayown {hay-raw-yone'} = physical conception or pregnancy
- sorrow = `etseb {eh'-tseb} = pain, hurt toil hardship, labour
- desire = t@shuwqah {tesh-oo-kaw'} = desire, longing or craving - a man for a woman or a woman for a man.

So in essence what Yahweh was saying is that pregnancy would not be easy, but would be painful or a laborious thing. He also says that the act of childbirth would be painful. And thirdly, he would make it a natural thing for women to long and crave for their husbands. It's not very hard, by looking at these things to see what Chava lost as a result of the fall. Just reversing the proclamations shows that Yahweh's plan before the fall was for pregnancy to be a relatively easy thing. It's possible that had the fall not occurred, all of the complications that accompany the nine months of gestation would not be present. Women would not have the pain and discomfort that they currently have and there would be no reason to wonder what the condition of the child is while it is in the womb. The act of childbirth before the fall would have most likely been painless and the healing would have been accelerated or possibly unnecessary. It's hard to speculate what the human anatomy was like before the fall. And finally, instead of being a co-laborer with Adam, Chava was now to be subservient to him.

Before the fall, Adam's job was to dress and keep the garden of Eden. Because of the perfect condition of the creation his job was probably very easy. God proclaims that the ground was cursed from then on and that Adam would reap a crop, but it would be a great toil for him. He and Chava ate herbs, along with other things, like fruit and other vegetables before the fall and the harvest was probably plentiful and simple. Now, with the fall, Adam had weeds growing in his garden, and not just the normal type of weed, but thorns and thistles. He would have to weed his gardens all of the time and when it came time to harvest he was probably pricked many times by those thorns and thistles. Also, the perfect conditions of the garden were gone and Adam had to toil and labor under the hot sun, causing him to be covered with perspiration and dust. It must have been a terrible curse to bear after living in paradise. Imagine the shame that the couple must

have felt. Having been made from the clay of the earth and then exalted to be a special creation of Yahweh, only to sin and be made to till the very material that you are made from. It must have been a very humbling experience. Equally tormenting would be the thought that he and Chava had condemned all of their offspring to the same fate.

But what was the big daddy of all of the consequences of eating the forbidden fruit? Well of course, as illustrated in the scripture below, it was death:

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. Genesis 2:17

Unfortunately, this scripture has been used by many who are ignorant to prove to themselves that the Bible is filled with inaccuracies. Obviously, Chava nor Adam died as a result of eating the forbidden fruit. If that were so, the Bible would be an easy read of only about three chapters total. But two things were set into effect when the disobedience occurred. First, the propensity of physical death became a real and present danger. If genetics played into the scenario, then the gene that would have led to perpetual longevity was deactivated and the gene for a limited longevity was activated. But we have to note in the Genesis chapter three scripture that Yahweh is concerned that the couple not be able to eat from the tree of life because it would allow the couple to live in perpetual sin forever. It's possible that that tree contained some sort of compound that would reverse the genetic change that had just occurred because of their rebellion. It's also possible to speculate that the tree's effect was a metaphor with spiritual implications; sort of like when Moses cast the snake of bronze in the wilderness and everyone who looked at it was healed. This is really an unknown thing that we will have to wait to ask

until we get to glory.

Physical death isn't a comforting thought, to say the least. Although that is bad news, there is a worse sort of death that is involved in the fall of mankind. That death is a separation from fellowship with Yahweh. If not dealt with, this death results in a permanent second death as spoken of in Revelation, eternal separation from Yahweh, which in itself is torment enough.

There is evidence that Yahweh used to visit Adam and Chava periodically as seen in the following scripture:

And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. Genesis 3:8

Adam and Chava noticed immediately that there had been some sort of change. When they heard Yahweh walking in the garden they were afraid. It was probably the first time they had ever experienced fear:

And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? Genesis 3:9-11

Now Yahweh wasn't being ignorant. He knew that a transgression had occurred. He just wanted to have Adam confess to what he (Adam) had done. After all, he was basically in charge in the Garden of Eden and to whomsoever much is given, much is required. So Adam, the once perfect

man, decides to place the blame on Chava. Chivalry died that day.

And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree,
and I did eat. Genesis 3:12

With fear comes the dread of consequences. How many times when we were children we thought that if we could place the blame on a sibling or a neighbor kid we could skate away free from the situation, only to be caught in the lie and punished more severely. Well, at least that is what happened to me. The actions of Adam that particular day weren't the actions of a creation devoid of imperfection, but one of a creation trying to justify their actions; hence, sin.

Sin is an ancient word that basically means a person misses the mark of perfection. In the Middle Ages archers practiced on targets much like archers and shooters do today. Targets have a center point that is known as the bull's-eye. If one hits within the bulls-eye it is a perfect score, but if the projectile hits outside the bulls-eye it is off the mark and not perfect. When Adam and Chava committed their rebellious act, they caused a gap between mankind and Yahweh; a separation with a wide chasm that no man could ever cross over. This has been passed down in our genetic code since that day.

The Apostle John summed up the Human genetic condition with the following scripture, when writing to the Church:

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1 John 2:16

Notice that all things mentioned in the scripture have to do with the flesh and the mind; all of which are dictated to by our genetic makeup. Another scripture to back this up is:

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matthew 26:41

So we have the words of Yeshua Himself, telling us that the flesh is in a fallen state, in genetic degradation. Since this is true, it seems that mankind doesn't have a chance of making things right with Yahweh. Science will never be able to find the gene that is faulty, I believe simply because Yahweh has recessed that gene so far into the genome of humanity that only HE can fix it.

Levi Genes vs. Yahweh Cords

Many empires, nations, peoples and tribes have throughout the millennia tried to reconcile mankind to God, or their version of a god. This act is known as Religion. Religion is defined as a person or groups attempt to reconcile themselves to God. This has been done in a variety of different ways, from self denial, abstaining of foods or self flagellation or mutilation. Some have resorted to sacrificing conquered peoples and some have sacrificed women or children to appease their interpretation of god. But the key factor in all of these things is a person thinking that they can actually do an act that would cause God to change their fallen state. Well, a person has a better chance of trying to change the Gulf Stream current by sticking their foot in the ocean or causing the earth to stop spinning by blowing real hard while facing east; it just can't be done.

Yahweh, the Lord God of Israel knew this and implemented a system to show mankind that it is

impossible to appease God by human efforts. After the exodus from Egypt He sat Moshe down and wrote down in total 613 commandments. To make it easy on the average person, He chose ten that were very important to keep. He also implemented several laws that dealt with the passing over of sins via offerings and animal sacrifices. The offering and sacrifice laws were created in order to cover the sins of the people because the commandments were basically impossible to keep. While this might seem harsh and unfair of Yahweh, it was done to show that man's attempt to please God could never satisfy the requirements of a Holy God. The offerings and sacrifices did however have a benefit. Yahweh knew that someday in the future He would have to provide the sacrifice in man's behalf because only perfection could offer a perfect sacrifice. Only Yahweh could restore the genetic makeup of mankind to its original state. Only perfect can make perfect.

So how can a person be reconciled to Yahweh? How can they have their genetic structure changed so that they are acceptable to Yahweh? It's quite simple; a person has to become born again:

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the

Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? John 3:3-12

So we have the words of Yeshua; His telling us that a person has to be born of the Spirit. Notice that the word Spirit is capitalized. It's capitalization means that it denotes the Ruach Ha Kodesh, or the Holy Spirit of Yahweh. How is this done?

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. John 3:14-21

Notice that Yeshua says that anyone who believes on Him will have eternal life. Now remember that Adam and Chava were cast from the Garden of Eden so that they could not eat from the Tree

of Life. So the simple act of faith allows us to enter the garden (so to speak) and partake of the Tree of Life. Yeshua is our Tree of Life.

But there are other proofs in the Bible that show that when we come to faith in Yeshua we are no longer the same. Is it possible to have our DNA changed? Is it possible to become a new creation and leave the old creation behind? Well, let's look at some scriptures that seem to make that assertion.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

There are some interesting Greek words in this passage. We should explore them to find out what they actually mean:

Strongs: New

Strongs G2537 kainos {kahee-nos'} **KALVOS**

1) new

a) as respects form

1) recently made, fresh, recent, unused, unworn

b) as respects substance

1) of a new kind, unprecedented, novel, uncommon, unheard of

Strong's: Creature

Strong's G2937 ktisis {ktis'-is} ΚΤΙΣΙΣ

- 1) the act of founding, establishing, building etc
 - a) the act of creating, creation
 - b) creation i.e. thing created
 - 1) of individual things, beings, a creature, a creation
 - a) anything created

Oh, what wonderful things when we study the original language of the scripture. Look at the word for "new." Yes, it can mean new in its common meaning, but it can also mean something never heard of before, a new kind. We are peculiar.

Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Titus 2:14

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 1 Peter 2:9

The Greek words for "peculiar" are differently spelled in each passage, but each has a similar meaning; that being called out and set apart for Yahweh's purposes. He's made us a new creation for the express purposes of serving Him.

So if we paraphrase the passage it could read, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is recently made, fresh, unused and unworn; he is a new kind of uncommon and previously unheard of

being, creature or creation." That sort of adds a whole new dimension to our relationship with Yahweh, doesn't it?

The next passage that talks about us being new creations is:

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. Galatians 6:15

In Galatians we are basically told the same thing except that the division is made between Jews and Gentiles, and the abolishing away thereof if anyone is a new creation in Messiah Yeshua.

We are then told that our genetic renewal is something that only Yahweh can be given credit for. It is also mentioned that this new genetic structure was foreordained by Yahweh Himself for the express purpose that we use our new status to shew good works for Messiah Yeshua.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

It might sometimes be a hard burden to bear, knowing that we're new creations with new genetic makeup. Sometimes when we fail and we wonder why our new genome isn't effective we should consider the following:

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Philippians 1:6

We're a work in progress. Any geneticist will tell you that DNA structure is constantly working on itself, correcting and repairing. In the same way Messiah is constantly working on us,

perfecting us and repairing damage and will do so until we are taken to be with Yeshua, hopefully one day real soon.

He'll keep you a new creature:

Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:8

Various Aspects:

There are some who will read this chapter and think that I have dismissed the spiritual aspect to the Rebirth, or the making of the New Creature in Messiah Yeshua. That is not my intent at all. Thousands of papers can be found relating to the spiritual change in a person who becomes Born Again through the Ruach Ha Kodesh. My contention is that there has to be a physical change be it in the flesh or in the mind. This genetic change allows our ruach, and the Ruach Ha Kodesh to work effectively with the flesh and the mind. Before we became a new creature it was impossible to control the flesh or our thoughts. But, with the indwelling of the Ruach Ha Kodesh the flesh is easier to control and can yield to the Ruach. While we are on this side of Glory, our flesh will be corrupted, but our new creature allows us to subjugate the flesh to Yahweh's purposes and His Glory; something we could never do before our rebirth.

CHAPTER THREE

A CHURCH IDENTITY CRISIS?

Recently I received an e-mail from someone who found some of the words that I've written on the Internet a bit distasteful. One of the things that he's contending is that the Jewish people are no longer God's Chosen People. This gentleman contends that since the Jews rejected their Messiah some two thousand years ago, they are now forsaken by God and that the Church has taken their place as God's chosen people. Through several e-mails I pressed him for information on where he got his theory. When his third e-mail came he announced that he was a member of the Greek Orthodox Church, and that his belief is Church doctrine, as handed down by the Apostles Peter and Andrew. Having always known that the Jewish people are still God's chosen people, I decided to do some research to find where the Bible refutes this gentleman's theory. Below is what I've found.

But before we go into if the Jewish people are rejected or have lost their prominence, let's look at the church. What exactly is the Church, and in what ways do it and the Jewish nation differ. When looking at anything, it's always best to ask the six basic questions; who, what, when, where, why and how? If these things can be answered, you have a true explanation of whatever you are researching. So, without any delay, let's look at those basic questions where the Church is concerned:

Who and What is the Church:

Many will argue that the Church is some ecclesial body. They will say that it is some sort of church government, modeled after some earthly sort of system. The Bible states that it is very different, sort of a theocracy. I think that the best way to describe it is a group of people (two or more) who are gathered together in Jesus' name. That doesn't mean just anyone who gather together in His Name, but those who are truly His, born of His Spirit and by His grace. There are many around the world who claim to be Christian in their belief system, but a mere shallow belief alone is not what makes a Christian. For instance, I know that every time I turn on the know of the lamp, electricity makes the lamp glow, but that doesn't make me an electrician. I know how to do some simple work on my automobile, but that doesn't make me a mechanic. I can know the Bible and even memorize every verse and even claim that Jesus is God's Son and even God, but that doesn't make me a true believer. Even Satan believes that Jesus is the Son of God and that He's God, and that certainly doesn't make him a Christian.

No, a true Christian is one who believes that he or she is a sinner and has no hope without the intervention of God Himself. They know that Jesus was the Sacrifice Lamb that God offered to save mankind, and they accept that Sacrifice wholeheartedly. They've recognized that they can only have a chance if they welcome Jesus to come and live in their heart, and allow Him to change them into His likeness, to do His will and purpose. And to the true Christian, God is the purpose for living every day, and for doing every action. And no, we're not perfect, but are willing to allow God to work in us toward perfection, knowing that when we are in His presence, we will be perfect, like He is.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus said unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and [of] the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:3-6

The true Church is made up of such persons. The word Church doesn't denote any one denomination, sect or group, but the corporate body of those as mentioned above. They aren't Catholics or any mainline Protestants. They aren't Pentecostals or Charismatics or any other man made name. They're just Christians.

The Church doesn't denote a building or meeting place either, although they are called churches. The last building that God's presence resided in was the Temple in Jerusalem, and that hasn't existed for many centuries. Frankly, I find it an insult to think that people would assign God to vessels made of wood, hay or stubble. No, He's more at home in the human heart, in the very essence of our being, and He can't live there unless we've been sanctified by becoming a new creature through a rebirth in the Spirit of Jesus.

When and How was the Church founded:

The Church's founding in many ways resembles a person's life. As mentioned above, there has to be two births for a human to be complete. The first birth is the physical birth where we issue forth from our mothers. The second birth is a Spiritual birth, issued forth from the Holy Spirit of God. Where the first birth is concerned, we have no say in the matter, but we have to seek and

ask for the second birth. The Bible also mentions that there are two deaths. The first is the natural death that everyone experiences. The second death is a spiritual death, doled out to those who didn't accept the rebirth while alive here on Earth. Some choose to believe that the "born again," speaks of reincarnation, but that is refuted in the following scripture:

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. Hebrews 9:27

In two births Church came into being. All agree that the physical birth was after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. At that time, it was an entity, made up of those who chose to believe in Jesus as their Messiah. They believed in His miracles, His ministry, His life, His death (for atonement) and His resurrection. But it was not until the day of Pentecost, when the Church received the Holy Spirit as both a comforter and an empowerer did it really move forth as a completed entity. The Church is not an organization, it's an organism, living, breathing, growing and overcoming.

In the first birth of the Church, they were all together, but without knowing a real purpose. They knew that they believed in Jesus, and because of that belief, they were united, but united for what purpose? Then, when they were together and all in one accord, the Holy Spirit came and dwelt on them and in them. They then knew that they had a purpose and they knew how to accomplish that purpose. The Spirit gave them wisdom, power and direction. So, in answer to the question; the Church was founded after the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Yeshua Ha Mashiach) and it was born again on the day of Pentecost.

Where was the Church established?

The Church's official birthplace is Jerusalem of course. That's where Jesus' crucifixion was; it's where His resurrection was and it is where the recorded imparting of the Holy Spirit was recorded as having happened. From there it spread throughout southwest Asia, North Africa and Europe, and from those places it spread to the rest of the world.

Why was the Church formed?

The Church was formed by Jesus Christ to be a people sanctified for His holy purpose. His purpose was that the whole world might be saved; saved, meaning freed from sin and it's bondage, and free, meaning brought into his Holy Kingdom to be His holy people.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. John 3:16-17

You see, the saved part is already done. Every person who has ever lived since the inception of the Church has had the chance to be saved. The gift has been there, but every gift has two parties, the giver and the receiver. The purpose of the Church is to spread the Good News of God's salvation through Jesus, and to exemplify what living a holy and sanctified life really is.

The Church's History:

If a serious study is done it is easy to see how the Church parallels the ministry and failures of the Jewish nation prior to and after the Ministry of Jesus. Israel was delivered from the bondage of slavery in Egypt. Those in the Church have been delivered from the bondage of the law of sin

and death. Israel prospered in the land when they first arrived and were governed by a group of men called judges, who were in turn governed by God. The early Church had the Apostles, then the early Church fathers who were governed by God, and the Church too prospered and grew in its first two hundred years.

Israel then demanded that they have a king set over them, and they got Saul, who did evil in the eyes of the Lord. The Church set up an ecclesiastic order to rule over things, often referred to by Jesus as the Nicolaitans, whose practices He says He hates. Israel came together under David, and while there is no comparison, the ecclesia brought the Churches together under the Catholic Church. David's son Solomon corrupted Israel and the Catholic Church corrupted Christianity. Israel split into two factions; Israel and Judah, one being less of an evil than the other. The Church split into two factions, Rome and Constantinople. Israel and Judah were constantly under attack and oppression by the Philistines, Assyrians, Babylonians and others. The Roman church was always oppressed by the barbarians to the north and the Muslims to the south. The Eastern Church was oppressed and attacked by the Moslems to the east and south. The list could go on and on.

There are similarities in other ways too. Both had remnants of people who were not corrupted by the system. Israel and Judah had God's prophets who God used to attempt reform and bring about righteousness and many were killed. The same with the Christian world. Both had reformers that succeeded, if only for a while. Israel had people like Nehemiah and King Hezekiah. The Christians had people like John Wesley and Martin Luther. Look at the similarities and try to tell me that there's been no battle between good and evil all throughout history.

The Bible always speaks of a remnant of believers who do not corrupt themselves with the ways of the world, or the system that they live in. The trouble is that most people who start out believing cling to the organization that is called the Church instead of becoming the body organism that the true Church is intended to be. It's much easier to sit in a pew and agree with everything that comes out of a leader's mouth than it is to investigate those words and compare them with what God says in His word. That has basically been the history of the majority of the Church. Many were silent during the Inquisition, when Jews and other non-Christians were persecuted and then expunged from Spain and other European nations. Very few spoke out in Russia during their many pogroms to punish God's chosen people, the Jews. But we have to give credit to the remnant of believers who spoke up. We have to give credit to those who hid and cared for Jews during those Inquisitions, those pogroms and in Hitler's Europe before and during World War Two.

We too have to look at the accomplishments of true believers. There were the martyrs of old and those today who give their bodies up the flame and all sorts of trials and forms of death that a cruel and evil world can produce. There are those who have forsaken their comfort to bring the Gospel to every nation around the world. Because of them, millions have come to faith in Jesus and have inherited the Kingdom of Heaven. There are the unsung heroes too, who clothe the naked, feed the hungry and care for the fatherless and widows. The kind and holy gestures of Christians far outweigh the evil that has been done in Jesus' name and without His consent. Too bad that the world chooses to remember the few bad things rather than the many good deeds and works.

So, has the Church replace Israel as the Chosen?

The answer to that is a simple, "NO!" It's really quite simple if one just sits down, reads their Bible and uses the brains that God has endowed most of us with. It's really a no brainer. Chosen people are people that are picked by a chooser. Let's look at the scripture above again and pull it apart:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. John 3:16-17

We saw earlier how Jesus died for the whole world, and that people have to choose whether to believe and accept Jesus' sacrifice and His living in their beings. The whole theme here is choice. We have to choose Him. There is a covenant here, and every covenant has to have two willing partners. God is the giver, and we choose to receive or not to receive. Therefore, we are the choosers, not the Chosen.

Where the Jewish people are concerned, the covenant is different. God spoke to Abraham and told Him to leave His land and to go wherever God sent Him. When Abraham obeyed that command, and others that were placed upon him, God chose him because God saw him to be a righteous man. There are many times in the Tenach (Old Covenant) where God would announce that He would hold back judgment and restore blessings because of His covenant with Abraham. The covenant with Abraham was a covenant with the physical seed of Abraham. God also swore covenants with Isaac and Jacob, further strengthening His resolve to keep His part of the Holy agreement with Abraham's seed.

The Jewish nation went through many times of rebellion and restoration, and each time, God refreshed the covenant that He had with His people Israel. The books of the prophets are overflowing with prophecies of God's restoration of the Jewish people. Take for example the following scripture, which foretells of the rebirth of the Nation of Israel, which happened in 1948:

Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? [or] shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Isaiah 66:8

And if just one isn't enough to convince you, here's a couple others:

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. Isaiah 11:11

For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it. Jeremiah 30:3

These prophecies have been fulfilled in our own life times. They should be proof enough that God has not forsaken His people.

God, when He made His covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob gave His word that He would keep His promise to keep Israel as His Chosen People. He drew up the contract, swore to it

before the three patriarchs, and gave the land as collateral to assure His People and the rest of the world that He was a God of kept promises. True, He has had to take away some of the privileges of His contract because of bad conduct of the other signatory, but the contract has never been voided and all privileges will someday be restored. But God said one more thing to insure that His people Israel would always be His. He swore that He would destroy all of creation before He would forget and forsake Israel:

Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, [then] the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. Thus saith the LORD; If heaven 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

Gleanings from the Brit Hadasha (New Covenant):

To many it may appear that this "Church is Israel" heresy is a modern day belief. It's been brought to modern light by the likes of Herbert W. Armstrong and other racial heretics who would deny the true Israel his prominence in God's eyes. But, a search of the scriptures shows that Satan had been playing his nasty little games even during the forming of the Church. If you read the book that Paul wrote to the Romans you will see that Paul had to correct some of the early believers who tried to promote this heresy. Below you will find Romans Chapter 11. Read it through several times because it holds a lot of truth. I've used the New International Version, because it makes it a little easier to understand.

Romans 11

The Remnant:

I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel saying, Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded. (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them: Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back always.

Ingrafted Branches:

I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles;

how much more their fulness? For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

All Israel Will Be Saved:

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my

covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father's sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

Doxology:

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen. Romans 11:1-36

Further complications of the “Church Replaces Israel Theory”

When Israel came out of bondage and spent time in the wilderness, they were given a list of laws that they had to obey. We know the beginning of that list as the 10 Commandments. But little does anyone know, that there are roughly 613 laws in the Law of Moses. Some of these laws, such as keeping the festivals, and feasts were given to Israel and they were commanded to keep these feasts forever as a remembrance of God's mighty salvation and victory over the Gods of Egypt. The Jewish people to this day keep those feasts and festivals. If the Church is the new Israel, then it is in violation of God's edict. But, Jesus came and freed us from the law, right? So, the Church can't be the new Israel.

There are many scriptures both in the old and new Covenants of how God will physically come to Earth and deliver Israel from its physical enemies. That hasn't happened yet, and if the Church is the new Israel, it should have happened.

The Prophets say in many places that Israel will be redeemed physically, as a nation. The New Testament says that Christians are already redeemed, individually, joined together to be a living Holy organism. So, if the Church is the New Israel, does that mean that Jesus has to redeem us twice? Seems to me that that's calling the first redemption impotent.

It makes God out to be a liar, and a person who doesn't make good on His promises.

It insults the character of Jesus, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever," because it implies that God is changeable, depending on His moods.

It is the root of Anti-Semitism, because it devalues the Jewish person. It breeds the "Christ Killer," mood that prevails in every Inquisition, pogrom and holocaust against the Jewish People. Since the death of Jesus, it's been Satan's favorite tool to start persecution of the Jews in the Christian world.

Persecution and the Jewish People:

One of the favorite excuses that gentiles use when persecuting the Jewish people is that they are "Christ Killers." These same people say that the reason why the Jewish people through history have gone through persecution is because of this contention. This contention is as stupid as the people who perpetrate it.

First, the Jewish people have gone through several persecutions, and many of those were before the time of Christ. There was the slavery of Egypt; the wicked plan of extermination by Haman, the constant harassments of foreign nations like Assyria, and the Philistines. The exile of Israel to Assyria and the later exile of Israel and Judah to Babylon. Then there was the subjugation under the Greeks and later the Romans. All of these things occurred before the birth of Christ Jesus.

One thing that always seems to escape the eyes of bigots and potential persecutors is that after the death and resurrection of Jesus, many true believers in Christ have been persecuted along with the Jews. The Romans loved to kill Christians in the arena. When the ecclesiastic church was formed it persecuted the true believers who wouldn't conform to its worldly and sometimes pagan form of religion. No one mentions all of the millions of the Protestants who were killed by the Roman Catholic church down through the ages.

So we have to agree that although there have been many persecutions of the Jewish people, many true believers in Christ have suffered too. Now let me say something that might at first make me sound like a hypocrite, but after I explain everything you will see something interesting. The main focus of all of these persecutions has been Christ Jesus. Not that He personally has orchestrated it, but they've been done because of Him.

Without going into a whole other paper about this, let's look at some things. If you're a Spirit filled Christian you'll see it, but if you're not, I ask you to consider these things because it takes Spiritual eyes to see it. The purpose of all of the persecutions of the Jewish people before the birth of Christ, was to try to eliminate the royal and priestly line that would lead up to Jesus' birth. When Satan had failed to accomplish this, He tried to kill Jesus himself, and probably

thought he succeeded when Jesus was crucified. But then the resurrection happened and Satan failed again.

So now we live in an age of grace, where Jesus is a victor and all have a chance to flee from Satan's evil camp to the righteous and holy camp of God. Now Satan is really mad. Not only did he goof in not eliminating the royal line, but he himself had something to do with establishing his adversary's kingdom. So, who's he mad at? He hates the Jews and he hates the Christians. And who is he going to persecute? He's going to go after the ones who produced the Messiah, and also the ones who've been born again through Messiah's Spirit.

But Satan especially likes persecuting the Jews; and why is that? Well, we have the reason above and that's understandable. But, Satan can see some parts of the future, especially the parts that God has laid out in the Bible. Yes, Satan does read the Bible. How else is he so able to enable his human disciples to twist God's word so, unless he knows it. Anyway, back to our saga. As we come to the close of human government here on earth, there will be one major focus, as illustrated in the prophetic books. That focus is the restoration and revival of the Jewish nation. Satan knows that Jesus will be coming soon, and he's (Satan is) going out of his way to try to destroy God's plan for Israel's coming salvation. That is the reason why Israel has been persecuted so.

God hasn't been sending judgment on the Jews for Jesus' death? He would be a hypocrite for doing that. Jesus plainly said that:

Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I

have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. John
10:17-18

And In Isaiah it was foretold:

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put [him] to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see [his] seed, he shall prolong [his] days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, [and] shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him [a portion] with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. Isaiah 53: 10-12

Jesus clearly explains in the scripture from John, written above, that He claims responsibility for His own death. God had given Him the power to lay down His life and also to raise it again. And notice that it says that God commanded Him to go to the cross. This was foretold in Isaiah (notice the scripture above) in such a beautiful fashion. It pleased God when Jesus was bruised, whipped, tortured and crucified, because those things gave God a provision to save anyone who would believe in what He did. It goes on to say that Jesus saw His seed, (meaning those who would become His, through His sacrifice) and I believe that is what made it easier for Him to endure all he endured. Then it says that God was satisfied by what happened. This means that it satisfied the need for cleansing us from sin. Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice, the Lamb of God. He fulfilled God's requirement. The blood of bulls and the other sacrifices that man offered

during the time of the Tabernacle and later the Temple weren't enough. Only God could supply the sacrifice that would satisfy God.

So if you think of the Jews being "Christ Killers," or if you hear someone else say it, just remember, Jesus is a part of the Godhead, and allowed the destruction of His human incarnation so that you won't have to be destroyed. And be thankful that a few Jewish leaders a couple of thousand years ago, who, through their ignorance, led the ultimate sacrifice to His slaughter, because if they hadn't done it, no gentile would have had the chance to be born again, and there would be no resurrection.

So what about Jews who currently believe in Jesus:

Yes, you heard right; there are Jews who have accepted Jesus (Yeshua) as their Messiah. But that's not really an alien idea, because the first believers were Jewish. The misnomer is that Jews who have accepted Jesus have converted. The true sense of their action should be labeled more as a "completion." They are completed Jews, just as the apostles were. Only Gentiles can be converted because "converted," means to make something from something else. Jewish Christians are completed because they were already on the road and have now completed the journey. They prefer mostly to be called Messianic Jews. Where the term Christian means "Christ-like," the term Messianic means 'Messiah-like.' Messiah and Christ are interchangeable terms that mean the same thing, both meaning, "anointed," or having a special purpose for God; anointed (covered) by God's Spirit. If you read the "olive tree," analogy in the Romans chapter above you will understand all about the grafting and regrafting and such.

In Conclusion:

The Church is a separate entity, independent of Israel. The Church has not replaced Israel, nor will it ever do that. The Jewish people are still God's chosen people, as backed up by scripture and the fulfillment of prophecy. If you have read this article and are still not satisfied just remember one thing. Someday all will have to give account to Jesus for the things they've done, and yes, that includes you. When you stand before Him, He will be announced as the Lion of The Tribe of Judah, and He's as Jewish as they come. The ball's now in your court.

CHAPTER FOUR

"AND ALL OF ISRAEL SHALL BE SAVED"

The Ten Lost Tribes of Israel and How You Might Fit In

When I was a kid in school our teachers would go through strenuous exercises to get us to follow directions. Our parents would do the same thing. My dad would stress that when we entered into agreements that we read the whole of the agreement because, as he would say, there is always some obscure clause that could ensnare us should we not see it and contest it before we sign the agreement. Even today this is done many times when legislators write bills that they would like passed. They tend to tack on little clauses to their bills that don't pertain to the subject matter of the bill. They are banking on the notion that the other legislators will not read the bill and they will vote for the pertinent purpose of the bill unaware that there are improprieties in the proposed law. It is a good thing that there are watchdog organizations whose sole purpose is to scour through proposed legislation and that they find these things and call attention to them before the bills come to the floor to be voted upon.

Getting back to my teachers, they would do many things to make us think. One of the methods that they would use is that they would tell us to read ALL of the instructions in a certain document before we acted upon the assignment. For instance, there might be a test where there might be twenty things in a list for us to perform. The last requirement on the list of instructions would say that all that we needed to do is requirement number three. Many were the times when the majority of kids in the class would answer or perform the first nineteen tasks only to find out

that the twentieth would tell us that number three was the only thing that we needed to do. Needless to say that there were many who felt duped and they got mad because they did a lot unnecessary work. The lesson we get from this sort of thing is that we cannot know the full scope of the literature until we read all of it.

A prime example of this would be what we see in the scripture in the form of what happened with the ministry of Yeshua and the response of many of the elders of Israel to Yeshua's ministry. It is clear that there are two comings of one Messiah mentioned in the Prophets of Scripture. One of Messiah's purposes was to come and put an end to sin, as mentioned in Daniel. Let's take a look at this scripture:

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. Daniel 9:24-26

The other coming of Messiah is the future coming, the one when He will come back to physically take dominion of the Earth and to bring the Millennium of peace and righteousness to the world, to rule with a rod of iron. The Jewish leaders of Yeshua's day were looking for a

physical deliverance; a Messiah who would vanquish the Romans and establish His earthly kingdom, but like Yeshua lamented, they did not notice the time of their visitation, so the Jewish leaders along with the Romans crucified the Messiah. We have to realize too that this was Yeshua's fate, His being the Father's sacrifice and the establishment of a New Covenant for all who would believe in His Lamb and the Sacrifice of the Lamb of God. There were some like Nicodemus who read down to requirement number 20 and saw that they needed only to complete task number three. These people saw Yeshua for who He was, the one who would grant salvation from sin to all who believed in Him.

The purpose of our article today is to recall a promise that Yahweh made to Abraham and made again to Isaac and later to Jacob. The promise, which we will examine must be based on the truth that Yahweh means what He says and says what He means. In other words, Yahweh doesn't lie and he doesn't exaggerate. He is not one who is prone to embellishment nor is He puffed up. He performs His will and He executes His plans down to the very last detail.

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Matthew 5:18

Yeshua was saying in effect, that each crossing of a "t" or the dotting of an "i" will be fulfilled. Some Rabbis have an intuitive saying about what will transpire when Messiah comes. They say that they cannot really interpret the true meaning of scripture, but their assertion is that "But when He comes He will not only interpret the passages, He will interpret the very words, the very letters, He will even interpret the spaces between the letters!" Yeshua's statement along with what the Rabbi's believe should give credence to the seriousness that Yahweh takes about His Word and His promise to fulfill His Word.

So what exactly did Yahweh say to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that will impact our study today? What did He say that the world and lukewarm Christians could question or even doubt in His promise to the three patriarchs? All we need to do is to look at scripture to see exactly what was said, and the promises that Yahweh made to our patriarchs. To Abraham, Yahweh said the following:

And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. Genesis 13:14-16

And He also told Abraham:

And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. Genesis 15:5

And after Yahweh stopped Abraham from offering his son Isaac in sacrifice to Yahweh; Yahweh told Abraham:

And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed

shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. Genesis
22:15-18

He promised that Abraham's descendants would be so numerous that they would not be able to be numbered. It is interesting to notice that a promise is made that those descendants will possess the "gate" of their enemies. Note that "gate" is singular and enemies is plural. He is talking about one gate of many enemies. Could this be a reference to the gate to the abyss? Jude (Judah), Jesus' brother wrote about the inhabitants that are imprisoned behind that gate:

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting **chains** under **darkness** unto the judgment of the great day. Jude
1:6

Remember that Paul tells us that we will someday judge angels, and these fallen angels are reserved in chains in darkness until the day of their judgment. Just a speculation, but it's noteworthy.

Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? 1
Corinthians 6:3

What About Ishmael?

There are some who might link the lineage of Ishmael with the promises of uncountable offspring, but this specific promise is made long after Ishmael is sent off with his mother Hagar to live elsewhere. There are specific promises to Ishmael as we see in the following passages.

The first promise is to Abraham:

And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. Genesis 17:20

The second promise is made by an angel of Yahweh to Hagar when she had given up all hope and while she and Ishmael were perishing in the wilderness:

Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.
Genesis 21:18

The promises made to Ishmael are separate and in lieu of the blessings that were given to Abraham regarding his seed that would be passed on through Isaac. Ishmael did produce twelve princes and they populated many of the areas of Arabia and other adjacent lands. His heritage has been lost over the years and although many of the Arabic speaking people claim a heritage from Ishmael their claims cannot be substantiated. The lands of the Middle East have been conquered many times by many nations and the blood of those conquerors has mingled with Ishmael's blood, so much so that if their claims are at all true, there is most likely very little Ishmaelite DNA in the claimants. What little blood relationship that would exist would be mingled by Babylonian, Mede, Persian, Egyptian, Greek and Roman blood running through their veins, not to mention those who followed; the European Crusaders, the Ottoman Turks and later even the colonial powers of England and France.

Continuing With The Messianic Line:

After Abraham, came his son Isaac whom Yahweh reaffirmed His covenant with Abraham's seed through his second son, Isaac:

And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; Genesis 26:4

Yahweh makes the same promise to Isaac that He made to Abraham, but he expands His promise a bit more. Yahweh promises Isaac all of the surrounding countries and He promises that through Isaac's seed that all of the nations will be blessed. There is a double meaning in the last part of the promise. Both parts of the promise are prophetic and both have occurred, both still occurring today. The first part of the prophetic message was the promise of Mashiach coming through Isaac's line. Yeshua's ancestral line has a direct link to Isaac of which there is absolutely no doubt. We'll examine the second part of the prophecy farther down in this study.

Isaac and Rebecca had twin sons, one being Esau and the other being Jacob. Scripture says that Esau was born first but Jacob followed so closely that he was able to grab Esau's heel during the process. Rebecca received a prophecy from Yahweh that the children represented two nations and two different peoples, and that the elder would serve the younger. Esau wasn't the brightest light in the pack of bulbs and one day he sold his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of soup. Later, Rebecca convinced Jacob to impersonate his brother to their blind father. The plan succeeded and Isaac gave Jacob the blessing that would have gone to his firstborn son. There's no doubt that Rebecca had Yahweh's promise to her on her mind when she had Jacob perform this daring fete. Esau became mad and fearing that his brother would kill him Jacob fled to Mesopotamia. On the way to his destination he was given a promise by Yahweh:

And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Genesis 28:14

Again Yahweh affirms that Jacob's seed will be a blessing to all people of the earth. Another prophetic blessing is given and this time Yahweh tells that he will disperse Jacob's seed in all four directions, basically telling him that his seed is going to live all over the world.

Now we have seen how Yahweh promised some very wonderful blessings to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but when did these things occur, or are they still events that will occur in the future. Well, as we mentioned above, the world has been blessed by one specific person, Yeshua Ha Mashiach, who was of Abraham's seed; a son of Jacob and Judah and yes, even Levi, both Jacob's sons. But Yahweh told Jacob that he would go all over the earth in all four directions. We'll look at that soon, but we have to see a couple of other things first. There are a two more things that play into this whole thing.

We know that Jacob, whom Yahweh later named Israel had twelve sons by four wives. The 12 sons of Israel (Jacob) were: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher and Joseph. However, Reuben lost his rights as firstborn by defiling Jacob's bed (Genesis 35:22; 49:3-4). In Reuben and Joseph's place, Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, became tribes of Israel (Genesis 48:5-6). As a result, the twelve tribes became Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Ephraim and Manasseh. However, if we look at the sons who are listed in the Book of Revelation, the sons who are important to the "last days," and the playing out of the final victory of Yahweh, the names are different, being; Judah, Reuben, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Manasseh, Simeon, Levi,

Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph and Benjamin. It is interesting that for the first time that I can ascertain, Joseph is listed as a tribe along with his son Manasseh. The tribes of Dan and Ephraim are missing from the list in Revelation. Why this is, only Yahweh knows and if He determines to choose twelve thousand from each of these tribes during the time of Jacob's Trouble, that is His business.

When Solomon died and Rehoboam (at or around 926 BC) became the king there was a civil war and ten of the tribes moved north to form what was known as Israel and two of the tribes, Judah and Benjamin (along with most of Levi) stayed in the south and effectively became known as Judah. The northern tribes of Israel deteriorated quite quickly and adopted the worship of false gods and it wasn't too long before they started to war with the Kingdom of Assyria. As a punishment from Yahweh, He allowed the Assyrians to conquer Israel and they were dispersed to never return again to the land. Several years later Judah decayed and worshipped false gods and Yahweh allowed Babylon to conquer them and to take them back to Babylon as slaves, but with the promise that they would return after seventy years. After the allotted years had expired some of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin and Levi returned to Judah, but some stayed in Babylon, never to return.

Of course, there was another dispersion of Judah that came in two waves. In 70 AD there was a revolt in Judea and the Romans sent legions of soldiers who captured Jerusalem after a long siege, at which time they destroyed the Temple and most of Jerusalem. The final dispersion of Judah came in 135 AD after the Bar Kochba revolt. At this time most of Jews in the land were exiled to other lands and not allowed to return. The Romans rebuilt Jerusalem and named it *Aelia Capitolina*, erected a temple to Jupiter where the temple of Yahweh once stood, and they even

declared an edict that no circumcised person could enter the city. If anyone circumcised did enter the city they were put to death. The Romans renamed the province Palestine as a final affront to the Jews because Palestine was the Roman name for the Philistines, the Jews' long time enemy. This sort of clarifies a little the whole modern day "Palestinian" issue.

We know where Judah, Benjamin and Levi were exiled to and we know that some came back from Babylon, but some stayed there. Many speculate that the "Wise Men" in the Gospel accounts were Jews from Babylon who might have read the stars to tell the future, but they probably were very familiar with Daniel's prophecy which gave a mathematical formula for when the Messiah would be "cut off" for the people. Personally, I think that they were prophets who knew scripture and that their following of the star of Bethlehem was just an added bonus for them to find the exact location of the child Yeshua. We know too where the Romans dispersed the Jews at both of their dispersions. They were dispersed throughout most of the known Roman world; throughout Europe, North Africa and parts of the Middle East. Over the past sixty years the descendants of Judah, Benjamin and Levi have been returning to the Eretz Israel, but where are the other ten tribes?

Many books have been written and many doctrines have been developed about the fate of the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel. For the sake of this study, we will not delve very deep into the hundreds of speculations as to the location of the Tribes. We will sort of skim over this subject because although it is a fascinating study, it is very deep and we only need to know a little about this for our research. Basically, in the ancient days, when one power conquered another power they would remove the indigenous people from their lands and replace them with people that they conquered elsewhere. In the case of the conquered Israeli tribes this was the case. People

were brought in from other areas and placed into Israel, many of which came to be known as Samaritans. The new residents intermingled with the Jews who remained in the land accepting some Jewish tradition and religious habits, but retaining many of their own. This is why the Jews of Yeshua's day disliked the Samaritans so much. They viewed them as a pollution or corruption of Israel.

Again, without going very deep into dispersion studies, we have ascertained the following information. There are small tribes all over Asia, some who are overtly Jewish by tradition, and some who have customs that are similar to Jewish traditions. Tribes in India claim to come from exiled Israel. The Bene Ephraim in southern India claim to be descendants of Ephraim while the Bene Menashe from northeast India claim to be descendants of the Tribe of Manasseh. Then there are the Bukharan Jews from Persia who claim to be Descendants of Ephraim. The Pashtun people from Afghanistan claim to be one of the Lost Tribes of Israel. The Kashmiri people also traditionally trace their ancestry back to the Lost Tribes of Israel. The Chiang Min people of northwestern China claim to be descendants of Abraham. The Makuya sect of Japan believes that there are many parallels between ancient Japanese culture and Biblical practice and that these parallels indicate a Lost Tribes origin for many aspects of Japanese religion and culture.

Some peoples from Africa claim to descend from Israel. The Falashas from Ethiopia, who have ancestry derived from the union between Solomon and the Queen of Sheba also have a population that says that it comes from the Tribe of Dan. The Igbo Jews of Nigeria claim that they come from five tribes of Israel; Ephraim, Manasseh, Levi, Zebulun and Gad. Another group from Ghana, called "The House of Israel," claims to come from the lost tribes. The Lemba tribe

from Southern Africa claims to be descended from a lost tribe which fled from modern Yemen and journeyed south to where they are now.

Tradition holds that some of the tribes were relocated to the Caucasus area of Eurasia and many scholars associate the ancient Scythians with the lost tribes. Some who have studied the Lost Tribes have traced their movements from the Caucasus through what is in modern times Southern Russia and then into Eastern and Western Europe. There would have been hundreds of years for migration to Europe proper and it is possible that these tribes were already present in Europe centuries before their brothers from Judah, Benjamin and Levi were exiled there. Many people in Denmark and people around the world of Danish descent claim to belong to the Tribe of Dan. Interestingly enough, during World War Two, when the Germans were rounding up Jews all over Europe many Danes risked their lives to hide them. King Christian X was an interesting man who reigned during the war. During a conversation with his finance minister, Vilhelm Buhl, when the subject was raised about the possibility that the Germans would press the Danish government to force the Jews to wear the golden star on their garments, the King remarked, "perhaps then we should all wear it." This was a fine gesture of solidarity with the Jewish people, but in addition, perhaps his comment sheds light on the origins of the Danish people, a very ancient Hebrew origin.

The Jewish Bible, called the Tanakh is broken up into three divisions. The first division is called the Torah, or The Law of Moses. It consists of the Five Books of Moses; the first five books of all Christian and Jewish Bibles. The second division is called The Nevi-im; Nevi being the Hebrew word for prophet and the "im" suffix makes the word plural, so the Tanakh section called Neviim, is the Prophets. The third division is called the Ketuvim, or the writings. The

Ketuvim consist of all of the historical books as well as the poetic books and strangely enough it contains Daniel which the Jewish sages of the past thought to be a historical book rather than a prophetic one.

When Yahweh addresses the Israelites in the prophetic books He uses many different names, but there are three main categories. Before the civil war and the breakup of the kingdom he referred to the people as a whole, calling them Israel. After the breakup he referred to the southern kingdom was comprised of Judah, Benjamin and some of Levi, calling them all "Judah." The ten tribes that separated themselves from the monarchy were called Israel. Interestingly enough, when Yahweh makes reference of Judah and Israel when the time of the dispersal of each has ended, He refers to them again corporately as Israel, or The House of Israel. We now have to look at those scriptures to see this very thing. Yahweh, speaking through Jeremiah said the following:

Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. Jeremiah 16:14-15

In the scripture above Yahweh is saying that in the day when that scripture will be fulfilled the people who echo the words of the passage will not identify the homecoming as the deliverance from Egyptian bondage, but as a homecoming from a dispersion. The four hundred year stay in Egypt came about as a willful move by free men who were facing a famine to a land where food was plentiful and where they could be sustained. The dispersions of Israel by the Assyrians, and

Judah by the Babylonians and later the Romans came about as a judgment by Yahweh because of unfaithfulness and unbelief. Yahweh thought the word given via Jeremiah so important, He issued it again a few years later:

Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which 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. Jeremiah 23:7-8

Above, Yahweh is again saying that in the last days there would be no distinction between Israel and Judah, but that they would be the Twelve Tribes that would be called back to the Eretz Israel (the Land of Israel). There are some who will still assert that Yahweh is speaking to Judah, stating that the Ten Lost Tribes are exactly that, lost and that they will be lost forever. Scriptures like the following one help to prove that assertion wrong:

Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. Jeremiah 31:10

The underlined words above are very important. Yahweh knows those whom He scattered and who He will gather again. The wordage of the scripture is interesting in that the word "him" is indicative of a singularity. In other words, if He was just talking about Judah the word "them" might be applied better to indicate a single group of people. When Yahweh is using the "him" to

describe those whom He will gather, He is denoting that He will gather Israel, all the descendants, families and tribes of Israel. This is exemplified by the next scripture:

For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things. Ezekiel 20:40

In the ancient Middle East it was tradition for all the family, meaning the children, their husbands and wives and their children and grandchildren to all be under one banner. So what Yahweh was saying in the scripture above is that Israel's house, all of his sons and their descendants, known as clans or tribes would all serve Him, in this case that location being Jerusalem, Yahweh's Holy Mountain. Here we again see ALL of the tribes incorporated into one entity, that entity is Israel. The next scripture reiterates just that fact:

And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither 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; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all. Ezekiel 37:21-

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In order for Yahweh to be able to make them all "one nation" again there has to be more than one entity. Simply put, Yahweh is going to incorporate the twelve tribes into one nation again. In the

next passage we see that the Ten Lost Tribes are lost only to the memory of mankind, but Yahweh knows where everyone is and where he has driven them to:

O LORD, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. Daniel 9:7

In the following passage Yahweh talks again about His people Israel, the culmination of all twelve tribes:

And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God. Amos 9:14-15

In Micah, Yahweh calls the Twelve Tribes not just by Israel, but He makes the distinction that He is calling back the very sons of Jacob. By doing this there can be no doubt that He isn't just calling back the southern tribes of Judah, Benjamin and Levi, but He is calling back ALL of the sons of Jacob, or a remnant of each of the tribes:

I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men. Micah 2:12

In the New Covenant the Apostle Paul mentions that there will come a time when all of Israel will be saved, and that the deliverer will take ungodliness away from Jacob, meaning all twelve tribes of Jacob:

And so **all Israel** shall be **saved**: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob Romans 11:26

Finally, we have the certification of the Apostle John who was shown by Yeshua all that would transpire at the "end of days." One of the things that he saw was the sanctification of 144000 people; all descendants of Israel, or Jacob, and recognize that there are twelve thousand from each tribe, even the supposedly Lost Ten Tribes:

And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of **all** the tribes of the children of **Israel**. Revelation 7:4

We have seen some pretty good evidence that in the last days it will be revealed to people all over the world that they have the blood of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob coursing through their veins. It will have to be of some sort of divine revelation to each individual. We saw earlier that there are some peoples in Africa and Asia that believe that they descend from particular tribes that are known to be lost tribes. Whether they are accurate in their assertions can only be confirmed by El Elyon Himself. He is the only one who knows everything and the personal histories of every person alive know or who ever lived. I do not doubt the claims of these peoples. Let's face it, that in a world that has hated the descendants of Jacob simply because of their heritage or faith, it would not be the wisest lie to tell considering the possible consequences

should a wave of hatred toward Jews suddenly arise again. These claims are made because of tradition passed down through the millennia and should be taken at face value.

We should take just a little time to bring into the picture, just for explanation sake, two schools of thought that are dangerous. These doctrines are based mostly on scriptures that are found in Genesis and Jeremiah, which are taken out of context. Let's look at the scripture in Genesis:

The sceptre shall not **depart** from **Judah**, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Genesis 49:10

A sceptre (scepter) is a staff or baton borne by a sovereign as an emblem of authority. The scripture is saying that there will always be a King of Judah to sit on the throne. It is saying that there will always be a heir to the throne of David, a recognizable heir to the throne. Seeing that Messiah Yeshua came from the Tribe of Judah "Shiloh," can be rendered as He, so the scripture is saying that The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor the lawgiver from between his feet until He shall come, to whom the sceptre and dominion belongs, and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be."

The scripture in Jeremiah says the same thing:

For thus saith the LORD; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually. Jeremiah 33:17-18

The contention of some people is that there has to be a physical "blood line" king alive at all times to guard and possess the Throne of David. They contend that the line was passed down

physically and then in the dispersion of the Jews by the Romans that, heir was banished to the European part of the Roman Empire. As the centuries progressed that royal line moved east from country to country until it found a home in Britain (some say Ireland). Most of these people contend that the throne of David has been passed down through British royalty over the past several hundred years and that it resides with the current house of Windsor.

Another group or sect, known as "British Israelists" take things even farther, stating in effect that Great Britain consist solely as the Lost Tribes of Israel, and that since Britain and her offspring, America, have become great nations (as promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) that this greatness is a fulfillment of scripture. Both of these doctrines lead to a heresy that is called "replacement theology." In essence, Replacement Theology contends that God has written off the Jewish people forever and that Christianity has replaced Judaism in birthright both spiritually and naturally. It should be noted that all of the peoples, nations and empires that have persecuted and murdered the Jewish people subscribed to Replacement Theology.

That the replacement theologians should use Jeremiah 33:17 in error is a sad thing. First of all, Yahweh said through Jeremiah that Israel would never lack a "MAN" sitting the throne. The sovereign of Great Britain is Queen Elizabeth; a woman, which pretty well negates that claim.

Second of all, we see that in Revelation, Yeshua wears the following title:

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. Revelation 19:15-16

Some would argue that since his title is "King of Kings," that He will be some sort of super king who will reign over lower kings and this might be true to some extent, but He also rules over every man, from the most lofty king to the lowest of peasant. The title is used of other earthly kings who ruled over their kingdoms as well as subjugated kingdoms, as was the case with Nebuchadnezzar (Ezek. 26:7 and Daniel 2:37) as well as Artaxerxes in Ezra 7:12

As an added bonus, we will throw into the mix another scripture that shows that Yeshua is King of Kings, and the only potentate (King or sovereign):

I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen. 1 Timothy 6:13-16

The scripture in Jeremiah 33 also says that the priests and Levites of Israel would never lack someone to offer up sacrifices. The Beit Ha Mikdash (Holy Temple) was destroyed in 70 AD and since then there have been no sacrifices. Well, either Yahweh is a liar, or He made other provisions to continue the priesthood and sacrifice. We see such a provision, taught to us by the Apostle Paul in his book to the Hebrew Church in Jerusalem:

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the

blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. Hebrews 9:11-15

Simply put, Yeshua is both the King on David's throne and the High Priest. He is alive forevermore so He has fulfilled the requirement for thousands of years. He is the one to whom the scepter belongs and since He rose from the dead and lives forever then there is forever a man on David's throne and there a priest who can satisfy the requirements of the priesthood forever. Furthermore, since the Throne of David has to be sat upon by a person from the tribe of Judah, then a representative from the Lost Ten Tribes cannot fulfill that role, thus making the claims of the British Israelites null and void.

So What In Sam Hill Are You Trying To Get At?

I know that by this time you might be worn out by all of the scripture that I have presented thus far. As we move on you will see that all of those scriptures were very important and will play a role in the final outcome of this article. Thanks for your patience so far, it will pay off.

While I do not subscribe to the false notion that the Kingly line of David came with the dispersion of Israel, I do believe that the two Diaspora's do factor into everyone who is reading

this article. If you have come this far then you are curious and if you are curious then there is a reason for your curiosity. As we mentioned before, the Lost Ten Tribes have more or less faded into obscurity. Through interbreeding with truly gentile people their blood has become mixed, but DNA markers always remain the same. Simply put, you might not know if you have any blood from the dispersed Israel or Judah, but your DNA knows for sure.

Before we go farther, I have to admit that in the rest of this article it might seem like I'm going out on a limb or that I'm pushing the envelope of what is doctrinally correct and doctrinally questionable. Please read the rest of the article in its entirety before you come to any decisions. If it is the Ruach Ha Kodesh who is showing this to me, then it is vitally important that everyone reading this will play an important role in end-time events and that they might be little pieces of a larger prophetic puzzle that Yahweh will intricately piece together.

It is pretty well a fact that the Ten Lost Tribes migrated all over the world. We saw earlier that there are people in Europe, Asia and Africa who all claim heritage from those tribes. What if however, the interbreeding of the Lost Tribes with the gentiles of these lands was much more larger in its extent. What if, just like in the Germany of the early 20th century, many people could have Jewish or Israeli ancestors. That fact would make a majority of the populations of the world of Jewish or Israeli descent. Depending on the recipient of that message, it could be either wonderful news or dreaded news. For the person who has hated the House of Israel it would be devastating because they would discover that they hated their own people for many years, or they would do like Hitler did, denying his Jewish ancestry and massacring them. Or, if a person saw the House of Israel as a blessing from Yahweh, the Apple of His Eye and His Chosen People, then the news would be accepted with excitement. Well, get ready to be excited.

Just about anyone around the world can pick up their local phone book and find at least one Jewish person listed there. We have to remember though, that the people that were dispersed by the Romans were from the tribes of Judah, Benjamin (who was mostly absorbed by Judah at that time) and Levi. All through the Bible we see promises from Yahweh that he will bring "Israel" back to their land or that on a certain day all of "Israel" will be saved. The word "saved" that is used in the scripture in Romans means two things; one, that they will be saved from imminent danger and the other meaning that there is a spiritual salvation, like one that is saved from the wrath of the Messiah on the Day of Judgment. In the context of the Romans scripture, it could mean one or the other or both. I choose to believe that it means both.

We know about how Israel will be saved from physical annihilation at the return of Yeshua. What however if there was to be a national salvation, one where specific members of all of the tribes were to be saved by the blood of Yeshua. We've all met people who are Jewish and are Christians, like Jews for Jesus and others, but we have to remember that these people are members of Judah or perhaps Levi, not the other ten tribes. However what if, by "all Israel will be saved," Paul was talking about actual members from all twelve tribes becoming Born Again believers in Yeshua? That would be awesome, right!?

Now, let's look at a few of other scriptures that tie into this scenario quite nicely. At the risk of being labeled a Calvinist I present these scriptures:

Before I **formed** thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the **womb** I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Jeremiah 1:5

And

According as he hath chosen us in him before the **foundation** of the **world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having **predestinated** us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will

Ephesians 1:4

And:

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being **predestinated** according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: Ephesians 1:11

And:

The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. Revelation 17:8

After reading the preceding scriptures we can come to only two conclusions; first, that Jeremiah, Paul, John and the angel that spoke to John were all heretics, or, there are people who are predestined to become believers in Yeshua and there are people who are not. We still have to preach to everyone, because that is the commandment of Yeshua, but predestination sure explains why some of the people we witness to just never get the message into their hearts.

I'd like to take an aside for just a moment to clarify something. I am inserting this paragraph after I have read through this article. After reading through it a couple of times I came to the conclusion that there are people who are going to read this article who might think that I hold

North America, or the United States up to be some sort of vehicle of El Elyon and that the United States is better than all other lands. Some might also get the impression that I think that Christians in the US are better than other Christians or that we're called out to be more esteemed than other believers. Those things are quite opposed to my opinions of my nation; a country filled with the disease and decay of sin and which will soon come under the full judgment of El Elyon. Frankly, we're a mess; apostate in just about every sense of the word so I could never think that the US is better than any other land. Also, the church in the US is quite apostate and it is becoming more so every day, month and year, so I could in no way put the American church up on a pedestal above all others. As a matter of fact, I request that you pray for the church in America, because it is only by a joint effort in prayer with all of the brothers and sisters around the world that this nation might repent and become righteous again in Yahweh's eyes. I do think however, that Canada, the United States and Mexico were used for a little while to gather a large amount of Yahweh's elect (a remnant so to speak) but that He will soon be calling us out to other lands and for sure that He will be calling us out, along with the remnant from other nations, to Eretz Israel (the Land of Israel) just like He promised so many times in the prophetic books. I hope that this explains what you have read so far and what you will read, and that you will see that the authors and our ministries are in no way American Elitists in nature. May Yahweh bless you as you continue to read.

So now, since we are predestined, wouldn't it make sense that many of the events that occur in our lives have been predestined too? What about the forming of some nations; are they also predestined? Let's take the United States for example; only because I live here and I know the history pretty well. For about one hundred and fifty years the US has been the melting pot of the world. People from every nation on earth have immigrated here, some by their free will and

others against their will. What if the US was actually a melting pot, not just for the downtrodden masses of the world, but a gathering place for the Remnant of the Lost Tribes of Israel?

The first immigrants to what is now the United States were the Pilgrims from England. They wanted freedom to worship Yahweh without the dictates and persecution of the Anglican Church. After the Pilgrims the English settled in the New World and the French did so at the same time. Germans and Irish and Danes followed suit. All of these nations housed the remnant of the Lost Tribes of Israel, and Judah who was dispersed by the Romans. The Dutch and the English brought the slaves from West Africa and incidentally, the slaves came from areas that would later become Ghana and Nigeria. As we saw earlier, this area of West Africa is the home of at least three tribes that claim kinship with the Lost House of Israel. Please understand that by making the next statement I am not endorsing slavery or its practice because making any man a slave, I feel is an abhorrence to Yahweh. However, what if bringing the black populations of West Africa to North America was a plan that Yahweh had to bring the Remnant of the Lost Tribes of Israel, who lived in West Africa to the land where He was bringing the tribe members from other nations. This idea may just be a whim, but who knows. But, when you think of the entire continent of Africa from where the slavers could have gotten slaves for the Colonies, they just happened to pick the areas where the Lost Tribes of Israel are located. This sounds like more than just coincidence to me.

If this is true, then why did Yahweh move many of the Lost Tribe of Israel to the United States and Canada? What possible reason could He have for doing this? To answer that we first have to ask the question of, "where else was there to go?" Europe had been ravaged by wars and hatred for centuries. The Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches didn't just exist as a church, they also

wielded political sway and they didn't like Protestants and those who questioned church authority. We can see the Christian Church today in Europe and it is on life support while the population there is demanding that the life support be turned off so that the patient can die. My ancestors came from all over Europe; Denmark, Germany, Poland, Italy and Austria and from what I've read about them they did not have great lives in Europe. They hated Europe so much that not one of them ever bothered to pass down information about the family that remained in Europe. I cannot pinpoint any towns where ancestors were from and became exhausted trying to find any information on them; except for one family in Germany who wrote briefly and who stopped writing after a short introduction period.

Yahweh didn't choose the continent of Africa to locate His Remnant and maybe the reason is that there was already a large population of people there and the same might be true for the Asian continent. Australia was a good choice but except for the eastern third of that land and the coastlines, the continent is quite inhospitable to large populations. South and Central America were pretty well out of the question because the Spanish had colonized those areas and they introduced Catholicism which, as European history had proved, was many times hostile to Bible believing Christians. The best choice was North America, which was, for the most part sparsely populated. The forests were rich with trees for housing and the land was superb for farming. The land was teeming with game and the rivers and lakes were filled with fish. Under the ground there were ample resources of minerals and ores for manufacturing. There was another factor that gets overlooked many times. Each year it seems that more and more evidence surfaces showing that a population of members of the Lost Tribes of Israel came to North America long before Europeans ever dreamed that there was a New World. I am not trying to promote Mormon theology nor am I trying to say that there was a significant Hebrew civilization in North America

at any time before the present, but in all probability any Hebrews who came here and decided to stay were probably absorbed into the indigenous community. We have to remember that they are called the "Lost Tribes of Israel," heretofore they have been assimilated into every indigenous population that they have dwelt among. Just a cursory study of the ways of the Iroquois Nation of Native Americans shows many parallels to Mosaic Law, especially where rights of the individual and the nation of a whole are concerned.

An account that parallels the assimilation of the Hebrew visitors to the Native American tribes is found in the story of the Lost Colony of Roanoke Island or what we now call North Carolina. English colonists were left on the Island of Roanoke to maintain a British presence in the area. When ships again returned to the area the colony was empty and there was no sign of war or foul play. Stories abound of how the people just didn't disappear, but either went to live with or were held by Native American tribes and later assimilated into the tribes. Other stories talk about how, when the British pressed to the inland of North Carolina they found people who looked like a mix between Caucasians and Native Americans, and some stories tell that these populations were already Christians by way of belief.

So now we move on to the next part of the equation. I think that we should recap the promise that was given to Abraham so that we can explore how it might affect all of us who have fellowship with Elohim through Yahweh Yeshua.

And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in

multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; Genesis 22:15-17

With this in mind we must now examine the populations of Israel throughout the first part of their history and also the populations of Judah, or the people that we commonly call Jewish. We know that when Jacob traveled to Egypt with his family there were 70 people total. According to the book of Numbers, chapter two, the number that camped around the Tabernacle of Yahweh were roughly 1,217,100 persons. That is the total population including young, adults and the elderly. In the year 48 A.D. the Roman census showed 7,000,000 Jewish people in the empire and estimates of 8 million are reasonable. Before World War Two there were about 16,728,000 Jewish souls worldwide. Today there are just over 13 million Jews (House of Judah, Benjamin and Levi) worldwide. While I lack the mathematical formula to estimate how many Jewish people have lived since Judah, Benjamin and Levi were born to Jacob; I think that it would be fair to pick an estimate of 350 million. This might be a gross overestimate to some and a gross underestimate to others, but as random numbers go, it is a good one, and when you read further you will see that this number or any number of all the humans who have ever lived is truly insignificant.

God told all three patriarchs that their seed would number LIKE the sand of the seashore, the stars and the dust of the earth. All three of these things are impossible to number and it would be foolish to try. A mathematician with the right formula could, after adjusting for famines, plagues, pogrom's, inquisitions and genocides, come pretty close to figuring the number of all Jewish (people of Judah, Benjamin and Levi) who have ever lived. It would be impossible however to calculate the number of descendants of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel because their original

numbers are not available and where they went and who they assimilated with are not readily known. Hence, if we took a wild guess and said that half of the people alive today had the genetic marker of Jacob running through their veins it would be many times more than the known Jewish population today. And we have to figure in all of the children that were stillborn or died of disease or were killed though the sin of abortion (millions in America alone) and the numbers are truly astounding. We count them because they are innocents, as are all children who have not reached the age of accountability. Most agree that this is around the age of puberty.

Once more we have to say that the number of Abraham's descendants could never be numbered. At the beginning of this article we quoted many promise scriptures, but two of them; Genesis 13 and Genesis 15 quote Yahweh as telling Abraham that if a man could number the dust of the earth or if Abraham could number the stars in the sky, then he could come up with the number of descendants he would have. Astronomers, with the aid of telescopes have found that the number of stars is infinite. Late in the last century NASA launched the Hubble Telescope into orbit, and ever since, mankind has been viewing innumerable galaxies in the spaces between the stars. Then Yahweh told Abraham that his descendants would number as the dust of the earth. The Hebrew word for "dust," is transliterated *`aphar* and it doesn't mean dust per se, but it means all of the soil and the sand of the seashore and anything that could be thought of as soil, sand or dust. In essence, what Yahweh was telling Abraham wasn't that the number of his descendants could be numbered, but He was telling him that it is useless to even try, so don't waste your time. Just to put the numbers into some sort of perspective; let's just say that if there were one billion people lined up and they were all paraded by you, and you saw each person for one second, it would take you more than thirty one and a half years to view them all. If you started on January

01, 2009, right at midnight; and you could stay awake for the whole time, you would finish somewhere around August 13th, 2050. I hope you like coffee!

Saved?

The title of this article is, "And All of Israel Shall Be Saved." What did Paul mean when he said that? The three key words in that passage are; "all," "Israel," and "Saved." We've explored in part who Israel is but we need to explore it more and we will in just a little while. We have to jump ahead for a little bit and look at the word, "saved."

Saved: sōzō - Strongs Reference Number: G4982

1) to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction

a) one (from injury or peril)

1) to save a suffering one (from perishing), i.e. one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, restore to health

1) to preserve one who is in danger of destruction, to save or rescue

b) to save in the technical biblical sense

1) negatively

a) to deliver from the penalties of the Messianic judgment

b) to save from the evils which obstruct the reception of the Messianic deliverance

By looking at the definitions for "saved," we can see that every one of them applies to the "saved" from the passage. First, we are saved from injury and peril. Just about anyone who has come to faith in Yeshua can attest that miraculous things happened in their lives before they came to a living faith in Yeshua. Stories abound of deliverance from accidents, from mayhem by people who meant us harm or by things that we did to endanger our own lives. Some have been kept from the idiotic things that they once did, that, if they were caught could have landed them in places where their lives might have been danger or where they would have been swayed into a lifestyle that would have been detrimental to the plans that Yahweh had for them.

Of course we know that there will come a time when the world and an antichrist leader will try to exterminate the descendants of Israel and Yeshua will appear to fight for them and to deliver them from what will seem like certain genocide. This will be the last time than anyone will every try to exterminate the Sons of Israel and it will lead to a millennium of peace and contentment, not only for Israeli's, but for the rest of the world that remains after Yeshua's return.

The second meaning for "saved" is what believers in Yeshua have called being "born again." We saw earlier how Yeshua isn't only the King of Israel, who has sat on the throne since He walked the earth some two thousand years ago; but He is also our High Priest who atones for our sins forever. That atonement is a further definition of the second explanation of "saved." The messianic judgment mentioned in the definition of "saved" is talking about the Book of Life that we cited earlier in this article and can be found in Revelation, chapter 17. The Book of Life wasn't a New Covenant concept and probably existed in the knowledge possessed by Adam and all of his righteous descendants. We know that the knowledge of a Book of Life existed around the time of the Exodus from Egypt because Moses mentions it:

And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. Exodus 32:31-33

The Lamb's Book of Life just doesn't have our names in it, but probably everything that our lives are (were) about. We see King David talking about this in a psalm:

Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?
Psalm 56:8

David was telling Yahweh that he knew that everything that he did was in Yahweh's Book; even every tear that he cried. But the book holds even more information about us, even before we were born:

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. Psalm 139:14-16

The very vastness of Yahweh's knowledge of us is contained in Psalm 139. There is some conjecture about the part where David talks about Yahweh forming him in the lowest parts of the earth. Some passages attribute this phrase as to talking about the wombs of our mother's, and rightfully so because that is where Yahweh forms us. I would like to submit for peer review that this phrase goes even farther than that. I submit that it means that even when the earth was being

formed, when Yahweh was making the earth (possibly from the inside to the outside) that every atom, every molecule that would someday make up King David was formed and that Yahweh knew each atom and molecule and that it would be used to make David's physical form, and that Yahweh kept those atoms and molecules set aside for the formation of King David; the very same way that Yahweh has known the atoms and molecules that would someday form you and me.

In the Book of Revelation, John is given a tour of the Celestial City, the New Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) and in the course of the angel's explanation of the city, he explains to John that there are some people who will be able to enter the city, and many who won't be able to enter:

And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 21:27

Again we see the Lamb's Book of Life, and that having one's name written within has its added perks. The interesting part about all of this is that there seems to be two parts to being saved by Yeshua. In the first part the soul is saved, as we can see in the scripture:

And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And

they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts
16:27-31

Many believers in Yeshua stop at this point. They don't proceed with the other things that are afforded to believers who want to become totally sold out to Yeshua. They are really not empowered and therefore they live a life in the flesh. This is that the scripture Revelation 21:27 is talking about; those who defile themselves, cause abominations, lie habitually and so on. They will have what is commonly called "fire insurance," but they will not have blessings that sold out believers have. They will live for eternity and they will escape the fires of hell, but because they didn't take their walk with Yeshua seriously they get in by the skin of their teeth, so to speak. The ones who will inhabit the New Yerushalayim are the ones who lived a Ruach Ha Kodesh filled life and walked in Yahweh's precepts through the empowerment of the His Ruach.

We have now seen that "saved" has two basic meanings; a physical salvation and a spiritual one. Of the spiritual salvation there are really two salvations. The first one offers the recipient the gift of being saved from hell and eternal damnation, basically the salvation of the soul. The second part of the spiritual salvation is that of the spirit, where a person becomes "born again" in the Ruach Ha Kodesh of Yahweh and lives in intimate fellowship with Yeshua. The saved soul gets the first salvation, but the "born again" individual has his/her soul saved and also their spirit's are redeemed allowing them to be inscribed into the Lamb's Book of Life.

All of Israel?

When we start this section we have to again go back in history to recap who is who in regard to Israel. All twelve tribes were referred to as Israel from the time that Jacob (Israel) went to Egypt

up and through the kingly reigns of David and Solomon. When Solomon died his descendants fought against one another for the throne resulting in a civil war and a divided kingdom. Judah, Benjamin (which had been absorbed by Judah for the most part) and a large portion of Levi stayed in Judah while the other ten tribes moved north to form the confederation of Israel. We should stop to realize that there was a mixing of tribal allegiances that probably caused some of Judah to move north and some of Israel to move south to abide in Judah. This was in all probability also the result of some righteous people in the Ten Northern Tribes who didn't like the heathen practices of the Kings of The North.

In many ways this can be seen reflected in the immigration to North America by those in Europe, especially those of Protestant beliefs. Just like those in Israel moved to Judah to escape the idol worship of their northern brothers; the Protestants (and others too) moved to North America to escape the abuse of and the idol practices of the Roman Church. In the same way that those from Israel moved south because they loved the Torah (law of Moses), those who came to North America from Europe did so because they believed that they should live their lives using the Bible as their foundation rather than the dictates of the Vatican, many of which are pagan in origin. Those who were godly in Israel moved to Judah because they saw that Yahweh's judgment would soon come to Israel because of their rebelliousness and in the same manner many who came to North America from Europe did so because they knew that Yahweh punishes idol worshippers and those who hold to "religion" rather than an intimate relationship with Yeshua Ha Mashiach. There are probably many other parallels that we won't go into because of time and space constraints. After all, this is an article, not a book, at least not yet....smile.

Paul, in his letter to Yeshua's believers in Rome had to address an issue that was getting out of hand. The believers in Rome were turning into believers in "Replacement Theology." They were saying that Yahweh had rejected Israel forever and that Christians replaced Israel as the Apple of His Eye and Elohim's Chosen People. This part of Paul's letter to the believers in Rome is important because it helps us to identify who Israel really is. Let's take a look at the passage and then talk a little about it:

I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel saying, Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded.

(According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

And David saith,

Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them: Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway.

I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation *is come* unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation *them which are my flesh*, and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which

be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, *There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.*

As concerning the gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father's sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are *without repentance*. For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. Romans 11:1-32

First and foremost, Paul categorically says that Yahweh hasn't rejected Israel. He first uses two analogies about the beginning making the result holy. First he talks about a lump of dough. He was referring to the offering of dough that the priests presented to Yahweh during sacrifice. The firstfruit (the first part) of the bread was offered up to Yahweh and the rest of the loaf was to be eaten by the Levites. The firstfruits were the choice part of the loaf and the lump was the bread that was left over after the first part was offered to Yahweh. The first fruit is being equated with Israel and the bread with the Church. So, Paul was saying that it was the holiness of the dough that enabled the loaf of bread to be holy. Then Paul talks about roots and branches. The end of this paragraph is seguing to the next. Paul was saying that it is the roots of a plant that anchor it

to the ground and that bring the nutrients and water from the ground to the branches. He's referring to Israel as being the roots and all believers in Yeshua as being the branches.

In the next paragraph Paul continues to use trees as an example, but he expounds on things a lot more. Paul talks about grafting, a practice that is millennia old, where parts of one plant are placed into another to create a hybrid plant. In any type of grafting the purpose is to use a hearty stock as the base stock and to use the grafted branches (scions) as the producers of the fruit. So, as the case would normally be, the wild olive would be the roots and stock while the cultivated scions would produce the fruit. In grafting, the hearty (or wild) base stock remains wild while the cultivated branches would retain their cultured characteristics. This is the natural way of doing things and it takes the best of both to yield superior fruit. Paul tell us that with Yahweh things work differently. Yahweh takes the cultivated stock (roots and base stock) and grafts the wild branches into the cultivated stock. In nature this would not be a wise idea because the fruit that would be yielded would be small and inferior; but when Yahweh grafts wild into cultivated he changes the wild branches into cultivated ones. This demonstrates how Yahweh changes people when they accept Him and become renewed by His Ruach, which is illustrated in the following scripture:

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away;
behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to
himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 2 Corinthians
5:17-18

So what do we have with all of this and how does it equate to who all of Israel is? Well let's look at things. Clearly the roots and stock are Israel, all twelve tribes of Israel. The roots and stock

were the people from all of the tribes who were waiting for Mashiach and redemption through Him. When Yeshua walked the paths and roads of Israel two millennia ago and when He preached in the fields, in the cities and in Yerushalayim there were many who believed in Him as being Mashiach Nagid (Messiah the Prince) as foretold by Daniel, like we saw earlier in our study. With the coming of Mashiach, and His atoning death then the Israel that believes in Him and accepts him will bear fruit in the tree. The twelve tribes of Israel will always be the base stock and the roots because they are the foundation and nothing of lasting value is built without a foundation. The ten tribes of the northern kingdom were dispersed, but Judah returned to the land after the Babylonian exile. But what happened when they returned to the land. Sure, they built Jerusalem and they raised up another temple, but it has never been recorded that Yahweh's glory ever came back to that temple. Judah existed like any other nation on the face of the earth, fighting off enemies and being conquered. Aside from existing, they really never did bear any fruit after the exile and they lived under oppression until they were dispersed again by the Romans in 70 AD and in totality in 135 AD.

Something really wonderful happened; Messiah came to visit and to die a ransom for our sins. When people started to accept His sacrifice and to become saved they were cut on their edges and grafted into the tree that had not produced for centuries. They were a new vitality that was given to the tree. Some were gentiles (maybe) and some were stock that was cut off of the nonproductive tree and introduced as a graft to the tree stock again. So both those from Judah and the gentiles became new creatures (scions) in the old stock. Both Jews and Gentiles became something new; a spiritual Israel, born of the Ruach of Yahweh and all becoming one in the tree-house of Yahweh that became known as the Church. Notice also how Paul says that some

branches were cut off of the tree and that they can be grafted back into the tree whenever they decide to come to faith in Yeshua.

It is interesting that there are quite a few instances in the Prophets where a mention is made of a Righteous Branch. Obviously Yahweh is talking about a plant because branches belong on plants. But who is this Branch? Let's look at the scripture:

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness. For thus saith the LORD; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers. As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me. Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the

LORD hath chosen, he hath even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them. Thus saith the LORD; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them. Jeremiah 33:14-26

First we must note again that Yahweh promises that He will never break promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He says that as sure as He has made day and night, heat and cold and as sure as the sun rises every morning, set every evening and the moon shines, then He will have a covenant with the Seed of Abraham. Let the Replacement Theologians now remain quiet.

So Yahweh is telling us that out of the base stock of Israel He will raise up a righteous branch and that He would sit on the throne of David and be our high priest. What happens when a new branch comes out of a tree? It buds and grows and after a time it produces fruit. This branch becomes a dominant growth from the root stock and becomes a very great tree because every time someone comes to believe in the Branch, they become grafted into the branch.

But again we come to the question of who exactly is the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel. We've determined that they have pretty well been absorbed into gentile society and have mixed their blood with gentile blood. Those who carry the Hebrew blood in the gentile world wouldn't have to necessarily know that they bore Hebrew genes because Yahweh knows who they are, but are there indicators that might prove who they are? Is there a way for them to know who they are? Well, the answer might just be in the scripture in Romans that says: "and all of Israel will be saved.." Remembering that there are two ways to be saved, one being that a person is saved from

harm, and the other being that a person is saved from the Messianic Judgment when the Book of Life is opened. Let's examine a scripture that we've looked at already so that we can delve into this a bit farther:

And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16:27-31

In order to understand why the jailer was so distressed about the cell doors being opened we have to understand something about the Roman Soldier, or anyone who worked for the Roman Army in any form. The Roman Sentry, or the guard in a jail (same thing really) was expected to remain awake during his shift. The penalty for falling asleep while on guard duty was death. There were no questions asked and the execution of the sentence was immediate. When the sentry at the jail saw that the doors of the cells were open he thought that the prisoners had escaped and the only explanation for this was that he was asleep and didn't witness the escape. In his fear, he thought that he'd take his own life. Who knows, perhaps he thought that when the authorities came to the prison and saw the cells empty and the sword in the guard they would surmise that the prisoners had overpowered him and killed him, thus preserving his honor. We'll probably never know. Paul saw what was happening and told the guard they were all still there. In what must have been a tremendous feeling of relief he saw that Paul and the other cellmates

were honorable men. He probably had heard them singing hymns and praying too during their stay there and all of these things combined caused him to want to have what Yeshua's believers possessed and he asked how he could be saved. His question didn't have anything to do with physical harm because none would come to him seeing that all of his prisoners were accounted for. No, the guard wanted to be Born Again; he wanted to be a bonafide believer in Yeshua and have all that went with that.

The key to understanding Scripture is twofold. First, we have to have the ministry of the Ruach Ha Kodesh to show us the meaning of scripture. Second, we must look at scripture in the context of what is before a particular scripture and what is after it. Actually, this applies to everything that we read, not just scripture. If I was reading a story about a friend named Bob who was married to a woman named Janice; and I read "Bob beat Janice," and nothing else then the person listening to what I was reading would think that Bob was guilty of spousal abuse. But, if I read the whole story, "Bob and Janice decided to race down to the store and because Bob is a faster runner, Bob beat Janice by about two minutes." When the whole context is read, then we see the whole picture. Let's look at our scripture in Romans again to see what Paul meant when he said that "all of Israel would be saved"

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob Romans 11:26

So we read that Israel will be saved, and by a Deliverer who will come out of Zion. But when we read further, we see that the Deliverer will deliver Israel from ungodliness. In other words, it will be a spiritual salvation rather than a physical one. Now we are getting some place. We now know that many people, all referred to as Israel will be saved and that it will be a spiritual salvation

rather than a physical one, although we know that a physical salvation will occur for these people too. In Christian circles we talk about people being saved and we mean the spiritual salvation. We know that the spiritual salvation is much more important because the spirit lives on forever while the flesh dries to dust and blows away. Before we can come to our final conclusion, we have to examine one more word in that scripture; that word being the word "all."

And So All Israel?

This is a pretty powerful phrase. Will "All" of Israel be saved? What is meant by "all?" When we hear the word "all" it has sort of a finality to it. It means that each and every one of those who could possibly be at an event or experience some wonderful thing were there to see or experience it, and that nobody was left out. When I wash all of my dirty clothes, all are included and none of them are forgotten. If I eat all of my cereal in the morning it means that the bowl is empty of both milk and cereal. How will all of Israel be saved, especially since Yeshua died two millennia ago and many people from Israel have lived and died in their sins since then. Are the descendants of Jacob somehow immune from sin, or do they get some sort of special dispensation from El Elyon for being a son of Israel? Having done research on this I was blessed to come upon a quote from a sermon preached by Charles H. Spurgeon, one of the 19th century's greatest theologians.

His answer to this question is:

"... 'The whole world is gone after him.' Did all the world go after Christ? 'Then went all Judea, and were baptized of him in Jordan.' Was all Judea, or all Jerusalem baptized in Jordan? 'Ye are of God, little children', and 'the whole world lieth in the wicked one.' Does 'the whole world' there mean everybody? If so, how was it, then, that there were some who were 'of God?' The words 'world' and 'all' are used in some seven or eight

senses in Scripture; and it is very rarely that 'all' means all persons, taken individually.

The words are generally used to signify that Christ has redeemed some of all sorts—some Jews, some Gentiles, some rich, some poor, and has not restricted his redemption to either Jew or Gentile." [Charles H. Spurgeon, *Particular Redemption, A Sermon*, 28 Feb 1858]

Spurgeon really helps to understand the vernacular that is being spoken in Romans concerning "all of Israel." Anyone who has done any serious Bible study knows that Yahweh always seems to end up with "remnants" of people that won't bend the knee to the oppressor or who remain faithful to Him no matter what. This is true because most people are known as "followers" of other people and keepers of "fads" or "trends" that happen to be popular during their lifetimes. Our parents knew this and they would always ask us question to get us to think about what we were doing. My mother would always ask me "well, if everyone in the neighborhood jumped off of the Brooklyn Bridge would you jump too." Well, of course I wouldn't have, and although the question seemed stupid when we were kids, it caused us to assess our situations. These days we hear about certain television programs and we're told that "everyone is watching it." So many people do things because it seems like everyone else is doing them, but if you look around you will notice that there are those who don't want to follow to the tune of the Pied Piper. Those of you who are reading this and who are members of The Delusion Resistance website are people such as this. We may have been followers of the world but sooner or later we saw that the world was wrong and that its ways are corrupt and we sought out something better, someone who had higher ideals and precepts, namely, Yahweh Yeshua!

The point is that remnants are the ones that are drawn to righteousness and holiness. It was a minority of people that Yahweh chose to enter the Ark. They were the ones who were "perfect in their generations," meaning that they weren't corrupted in their DNA code nor were they corrupted by the world. Of the billions that lived before the flood, only eight souls were saved. During the time when civilization was budding around the world and there were many great thinkers and many kings and princes to choose from, Yahweh chose an obscure man who lived in Ur of the Chaldeans and He consecrated him and promised to make Abram a great nation, numbering such as the sands of the seashore or the stars of the sky. It was an obscure little group of people, numbering seventy in all that went to Egypt. Yahweh blessed them and when they left Egypt four hundred years later they numbered well over a million people. When Judah and Israel were teeming with prophets that brought false messages, it was just one or two humble and for the most part unknown men who were used by Yahweh to bring His message to the people. It wasn't a king or a prince through whom Yahweh brought forth His Son to the earth. Instead, it was a humble carpenter and his wife whom Yahweh trusted with the job. And it wasn't generals and armies that Yahweh used to bring the New Covenant to the world. No, it was twelve men in whose ranks were a tax collector and several fishermen whom Yahweh endowed with the Ruach Ha Kodesh that would change the world and bring countless millions into the Kingdom of Elohim.

So where the Tribes of Israel in the present day are concerned, it is no surprise that Yahweh has chosen some from each tribe to constitute His kingdom here on Earth. There is no doubt that that in today's world there could be literally billions who are of the seed of Israel. In just about every conceivable corner of the globe the blood of Israel courses through veins of ordinary people like you and me. There is little doubt in my mind that of all of the immigrants that came to Canada

and the United States from 1620 until the 1970's, especially from Europe, North Africa and parts of the Middle East, a vast majority of them could be part of the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel, not to mention the over six million in the USA alone who descend from Judah, Benjamin and Levi and are called Jewish.

My contention is that of all of those people, just a minority have taken Yahweh seriously. Just a fraction has decided to call Yahweh their Lord. A remnant of all of the House of Israel has asked the Mashiach, Yeshua Ben Elohim into their hearts to change them and to make them a new creature. The Book of Revelation talks about a specific group of people, numbering one hundred forty four thousand who have been called by Yahweh to perform a special ministry during the last days. It is quite possible that some of you or even me are in that number. Our forefathers all came to Canada and The USA for a reason, almost as if they were called here for a specific reason. Perhaps there is a reason that some of these ancestors had miserable lives in Europe or the other lands in which they came from. Perhaps it was Yahweh's plan for their lives to be of poor quality so that they would seek out a land where they could be free to worship and study the Bible without hindrance from governments and apostate church organizations.

There might be some of you who know that you have been called to this special last days ministry. Maybe you've known it for a long time or maybe you've just had it revealed to you through the Ruach Ha Kodesh recently. Perhaps you've felt a special calling in your life and it hasn't been revealed to you yet what that calling might be. Perhaps it is time that we all start to seek Yahweh about this very thing. We know that we are rapidly racing toward the time in history that is foretold in Revelation. It would probably be a good idea then to seek out Yahweh

about this and if you are one of them then perhaps we should all get together to fast and pray and to seek His will.

I know that this article might have seemed a bit bizarre to you. Let's face it, we have all been approached by people like those in the Jehovah's Witnesses who arrogantly pronounce that they are the witnesses mentioned in Revelation but they fail to face some important flaws in their theology. First, their ranks have been around for at least two generations, maybe more and many of those who originally claimed to be the Revelation witnesses have died and went to their reward, or penalty as the case may be. That being the case, it makes Yahweh out to be an uninformed liar because He didn't know when to pick the witnesses and that they would die off without fulfilling their election. Second, none of them can claim to be from a specific tribe and as far as I have read in their literature, there is no divine revelation as to who belongs to what tribe. Third, they deny the divinity of Yeshua and the ministry of the Ruach Ha Kodesh. With these denials comes an impotency because if you deny the authority and the power behind the authority then what do you have? You have the flesh and we all know where operating in the flesh gets a person. It's like landing on the Jail square in the game of Monopoly.. "go to jail, go directly to jail, do not pass 'go' and do not collect two hundred dollars."

While many of the true one hundred forty four thousand probably do not know their heritage right now, I have no doubt that Yahweh will bring that information to them in due time. They will have the certification of the Ruach Ha Kodesh on them so that they will know that they are one of the 144k.

It will be interesting to see how things play out, but will be even more interesting will be to see how any of us will play out in this end-time scenario. The important thing is to remember that

Yahweh always looks at the heart of those whom He is going to use. Humbleness and contriteness decorate the vessel that He can use for His purposes. So, we keep in prayer that Yahweh will keep each and every one of us humble and contrite and that we will every day act out in circumspection and in a want to become ever closer to Him. I don't think that any true believer in Yeshua will ever say that they have had their fill of Him, but just as dry soil never seems to get its fill, so I pray our walks with him ever so shall be.

CHAPTER FIVE

WILL THE LOST TEN TRIBES BE HEADING HOME SOON?

My wife and I were sitting in our weekly Bible Study the third week of December of 2008 and lo and behold something hit me like a bolt out of the blue. Let me give a bit of a background before I continue.

Jim Wilhelmsen and I talk a lot about many things. One of the things that we feel very sure of is that there are many people living in the United States and elsewhere who are descended from the ten lost tribes of Israel. Because of the scattering of those tribes their numbers settled all over the globe. In the previous chapter we saw how some tribes in West Africa claim to be descendants of the lost tribes, as do some peoples in India, China and many other places. Many people in Mexico have Jewish blood because their ancestors escaped from Spain at the beginning of the Inquisition in 1492. It is common knowledge that many Germans intermarried with Jewish men and women and their ancestors are Jewish.

What we are going to focus on in this chapter are those who come from the lost tribes of Israel; those whose ancestors were uprooted by the Assyrians many years before the Babylonians exiled the Tribe of Judah to Babylon.

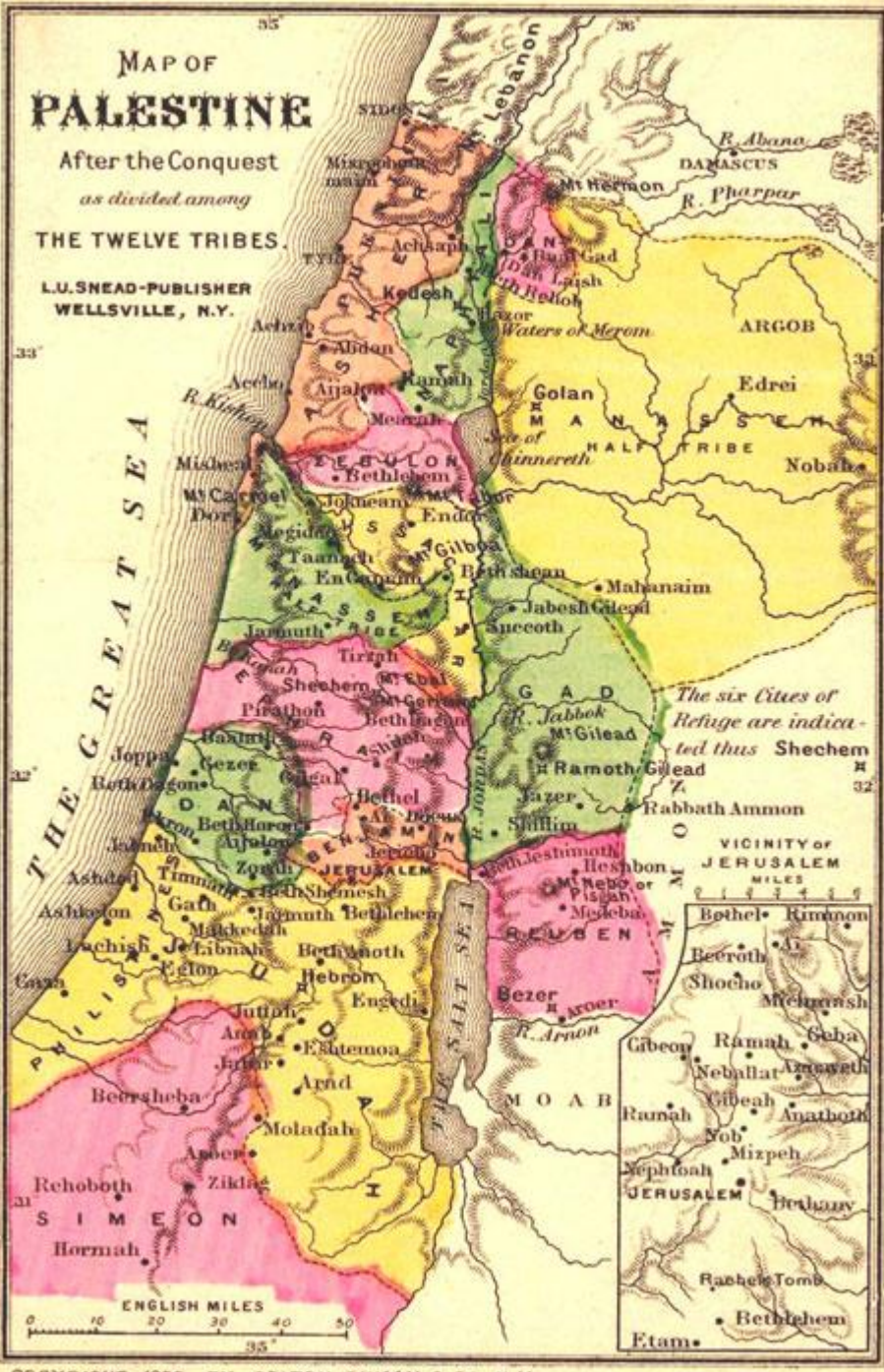
We know that when the Children of Israel entered Canaan after their forty years of wandering in the wilderness, each tribe was allotted a portion of land which Yahweh clearly labeled as an “inheritance.” Israel literally inherited the land from Yahweh Himself. It is pretty easy to find

maps on the internet that show where each tribe finally settled. The image below is just such a map. While it is old in nature, it is an accurate depiction of where each tribe settled, who their Israeli neighbors were and who their gentile neighbors were as well. Please scroll down to the next page to see the map.

MAP OF PALESTINE

After the Conquest
as divided among
THE TWELVE TRIBES.

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Judah was one of the larger tribes, but they were only one tribe and there was a lot of land to inherit from Yahweh. As you can see in the map, there was quite a dispersion of the other tribes all over the land of Canaan.

Before we move on in our study we need to examine where the inheritance of the Tribes of Israel first originated. We know from our previous study that the Land of Canaan was given to Abraham, a gift from Yahweh for Abraham's faith and obedience. The inheritance was then passed down to Isaac and later to Jacob. We see that it is a perpetual inheritance. We could talk about this in our own strength, but when we back it up with evidence that comes from Scripture it cannot be argued against anymore. The scriptures that back up this point are as follows:

Genesis, Chapter 13 shows that promise to Abraham:

And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee. Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD. Genesis 13:14-18

A chapter or two earlier there was a dispute between Abraham's herdsmen and Lot's herdsman over water rights. Afterward, Abraham told Lot that he would give Lot first choice of whatever land Lot wanted for his herds. Lot chose the area around the Cities of The Plain, which we know

to be Sodom, Gomorrah and other cities in that proximity. Abraham went to the west, and that placed him firmly in the land of what we now know to be present day Israel. He later moved to Hebron, which is south of Yerushalayim and west of the Dead Sea.

We know that Abraham had two sons, Ishmael and Isaac. We also know that Abraham sent Ishmael and his mother away and kept Isaac to himself and that the inheritance therefore went to and through Isaac. This annuls any claim by anyone who might think that they are a descendant of Ishmael from claiming right to Eretz Israel.

And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. And Isaac dwelt in Gerar: Genesis 26:1-6

If the promise of inheritance of the Land of Canaan to Abraham's descend Jacob is true then we should find it in scripture, and we do:

And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padanaram, and blessed him.

And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob,

but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel. And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land. And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him. And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, even a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon. And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Bethel. Genesis 35:9-15

The name "Israel" is an interesting one. There are a variety of meanings found when one searches, but the most common ones are, "Elohim will prevail," and "Elohim Preserves." I find this interesting because of all of the ancient peoples, Israel is the only nation that has survived 400 years dispersion to Egypt, and then Judah, Israel's son has survived a 70 year exile in Babylon and a 2000 year exile throughout the world, to be restored during our generation with their original language, religion and basic culture. But Elohim will also prevail in his inheritance gift to **all** of Israel and He has preserved that inheritance too.

When the Children of Israel reached their Promised Land, after they had wandered in the wilderness for forty years they divided the land of Canaan according to the size of their tribes and as Yahweh had dictated to Joshua to allot it to them. Yahweh was very specific about the boundaries of the tribal lands and was firm that each tribe was to settle into its own distinctive property. He was so specific about tribes not infringing on other tribes that He even made a stipulation about marriage and inheritance where the women were concerned.

If they be married to any of the sons of the other tribes of the children of Israel, then will their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of our fathers, and will be added to the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they shall belong: so will it be taken away from the lot of our inheritance. When the jubilee of the children of Israel shall be, then will their inheritance be added to the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they shall belong: so will their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers....So shall no inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe; for the children of Israel shall cleave everyone to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers....So shall no inheritance remove from one tribe to another tribe; for the tribes of the children of Israel shall cleave everyone to his own inheritance. Numbers 36:3-4,7,9

So Yahweh was emphatic that each tribe have an allotment and that they live in their allotment. We have to consider however the exiles that happened in the years that followed. Israel had fallen into idolatry and because of their rebellion, and their refusal to listen to the warnings of Yahweh, they went into exile and were scattered amongst the nations. These were the Ten Northern Tribes of Israel. The two other tribes, Benjamin and Judah were in the south and were under the banner of Judah. Judah later fell into the sin of idolatry and they were ultimately conquered and exiled to Babylon only to return after seventy years in exile.

Let me make a personal note before we move on. There is a perfect illustration in all of this in my own family. My grandfather had three sons and like every traditional family the oldest was held in high esteem, the middle son with a little less esteem and the youngest son, my dad, in the lowest of esteem. This might seem unfair, and in many ways it is, but as traditions dictate, this is just the way that people used to do things, and it was done this way in the Bible many times too.

Over the years my grandfather scrimped and saved his money and because of this he had some property and a good sized savings account in the bank.

There were many times when my grandfather's middle son would do something to lose favor with my grandfather and we would always hear how this uncle was not going to receive the inheritance that grandfather had allotted to him upon grandfather's death. There were other times when my dad did things that grandfather didn't approve of and when he didn't repent when my grandfather asked him to repent he too was removed from the inheritance. Over the years both my uncle and dad repented of what they did and their inheritance was restored.

It is the same way with Yahweh concerning Israel and their inheritance. Scripture talks about a time when "all of Israel" will come back to the land, back to their inheritance.

But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. Jeremiah 16:15

And:

I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men. Micah 2:12

Now we come to the crux of the problem. Back when the Romans started the exile of the Jews in 70 AD and finished their task in 135 AD they just took one (possibly two) tribes with them. The Hebrew word for Jew is Yehud which is a shortened form of Yehuda or the English rendition

being Judah. The other ten tribes had been dispersed and were never again coalesced into tribes. They moved on and assimilated with the gentiles living all over the world. Therefore, the people who went into exile with the Romans were from Judah, and Judah (and perhaps some of Benjamin) only. For two thousand years they kept their culture and religion and suffered a great deal for failing to assimilate with the gentiles. They remained a separate and peculiar people. In the latter part of the 19th century they slowly started to immigrate back to what would later become the State of Israel. I will not refer to it as Palestine because that name is an affront; being the Roman name for Philistine.

During the early part of the 20th century the Ottoman Empire allowed some others to immigrate back to Eretz Yisrael but this practice slowed down when the British won the mandate to administer that area after defeating the Ottoman Empire at the end of World War One. After World War Two, and when the world saw the pictures and heard the stories that came out of the death camps of Nazi Germany there was sympathy for the Jewish People (Judah) to have a homeland. The rest is history that we all know pretty well.

The problem is that those returning to Eretz Yisrael (The Land of Israel) were mostly from the Tribe of Judah and the other tribes were absent. Over the past 60 plus years Judah has administered the land, even the land that belongs to the other tribes. Technically, Judah has property rights to the land of Judah, and nothing more. There are many around the world that say that the Jews do not have a right to the land, and in a way they are partially right. Judah only has right to Judah. The other parts of what is now Israel (the land as it stood after the six day war) belong to the other ten tribes of Israel. Could it be that the reason why Judah has had such a hard time administering and keeping the land is because the other ten tribes haven't been restored to

their lands? Could it be that when the other ten tribes do come back to the land then the squabbling will come to an end, or greatly diminish?

Another problem is that the Jewish nation of Israel has for many years had a very strict policy on who is allowed and not allowed to immigrate. They have operated under the “Who is a Jew” law, causing everyone who wants to immigrate to Israel to prove their Judaic heritage. This is a gross injustice to the other ten tribal progeny who really have no way of verifying their bloodline. They have no papers, no ancestral heritage to prove that they are sons of Israel.

We know that Yahweh is not a liar, nor is He given to wild fantasies or speculations. Since He lives outside of space/time then He is able to know the future before it happens. Scripture is quite emphatic about this and there are many passages that tell of people’s lives being planned out before the foundation of the world. We also know that when He says that “all of Israel will be saved,” He means all of Israel, or remnants of all of Israel, in a more refined sense of the meaning. Since Yahweh has promised several times that He will lead “Israel” back to their inheritance, and Israel in this sense means all of Israel, then many of us have that free ticket to Israel that we all dreamed about.

So what could bring about that free ticket being a reality? It is simple to see. It will be a hatred of Bible believing Christians; those who won’t form to the mold that the world is trying to fit everyone into.

Even while I type this article there are those who are labeling Christians as haters. Recently the people of California voted (a third time) to inscribe the law so that it states that marriage is between a man and a woman. This proposition was endorsed by many Christian Churches, and

even some of the cultic organizations like the Mormon's. The result has been that the homosexual community has labeled Bible believing Christians as haters and some of them even went as far as to disrupt and vandalize a Mormon fellowship – while services were being performed.

People who advocate abortion label Christians who oppose their evil ways as being haters, calling us anti-abortionist instead of giving us the title of pro-life, which is what we really are. But as you know, when you put “anti” in front of any word it gives a negative connotation.

Even the celebration of our holidays has come under attack. Recently a 6th grade student in Mississippi obtained a lower grade for an essay because he mentioned the name of Jesus in his essay; the essay was about Christmas. He was told that the name of Jesus was too controversial. In some neighborhoods manger scenes are not allowed in the yards of private citizens because of complaints that such displays “force Christianity down our throats.”

Yes it's true that in the very near future Bible believing Christians, especially those who not only believe the Bible, but dare to live by its precepts will be labeled as haters, intolerant and nonconformists. We don't see it beyond the realm of possibility that western society, especially here in the United States will develop a strong dislike, a rabid hatred for believers in Yeshua. History has shown that when these things start to happen, the society that hates the remnant first gives an opportunity for the nonconformists to leave the country.

This practice has happened to the tribe of Judah for two thousand years, as they were kicked out of one country and then another. They were given a chance to assimilate and a scant few did, but the others who refused were expelled. Many nations in Europe have expelled the tribe of Judah

at least once. Some examples of this are Spain in 1492 and more recently Germany in the 1930's. Those who refused to leave, or had no financial means to do so suffered torture and death.

If exile is destined for true believers in Yeshua, those who not only believe in Him but believe Him too, and who live by His commandments, then how would the exile come about? We have already mentioned above that we will be branded as haters; people who will not bend to public pressure to be like the world. We will be seen as bigots who won't accept sin, primarily by those who practice sin, for the most part because the world doesn't see sin as being wrong nor do they acknowledge sin to begin with. It isn't going to be that we won't try to bring sinners to repentance, because all true believers in Yeshua hate the sin but love the sinner. We are the ones who, while we love the homosexual and want them to be saved, won't accept that they have a church with unrepentant homosexuals. Nor would we validate a church that caters unrepentant whoremongers, witches, Satanists or any other belief or creed that pits itself against scripture or the God of Scripture.

We've mentioned before that Israel will be the place where we will go to our exile. But maybe we should not call it an exile, but a homecoming; what those in Israel call an Aliyah. So now we have the reason why we would have to leave our homes and leave the land of our birth. We also know where we will go; but what will be our route of escape. We would like to suggest that we might embark to our destination through our northern neighbor Canada and maybe also through our southern neighbor, Mexico. The Remnant from Europe, Africa and Asia are closer in proximity to Israel so their exodus could be by varied methods.

Before you dismiss this idea as the ranting of some fanciful dreamers, hear us out. We're not saying that Canada will be the only escape route, but it will play a major role in the exodus from

America. As I mentioned above, it is quite possible that Mexico will be another route. We must also remember that in the very near future the North American continent will coalesce into a new entity which will be known as The North American Union. Plans for this have already been drafted and if you believe some of the reports that circulate, the coinage has already been minted. Look at how the once mighty U.S. dollar has lost a lot of value, so much so that it is equal to and sometimes less in value to the Canadian dollar. The financial crisis that has transpired over the last few months has hit Canada just as hard as it hit the U.S., but what many don't know is that it has hit Mexico too. The bad economy has hit the migrant worker, so much so that they are returning to Mexico in droves. What many don't realize is that many of those workers aren't Mexican, but they come from all over Central and South America, but they are settling in Mexico for the interim.

The future demise of the American auto industry along with the thievery that has occurred within the lending institutions will bankrupt both Canada and the United States. The insane financial and social policies of the Obama administration will be the sharp knife that will put an end to the American Dream, which will, for many, turn into the American nightmare. An overabundance of people in Mexico could easily bankrupt an already fragile economy and the Mexican government's war on the drug cartels could easily send Mexico into chaos. These things, whether contrived or coincidental will play right into the hands of the globalists who want to form the N.A.U. on our continent. With three currencies debased it will be easy to form one currency. You tell the people that they accept the currency if they want to eat because the other three will no longer be honored and close to one hundred percent of the people will comply.

The effort to bail out the lending institutions caused the U.S. government to ask the Federal Reserve to print more money for the lenders. Because of this, and because that Federal Reserve Notes have no real backing it means that the government went further in debt to the Federal Reserve. The Reserve has the right, and will someday demand to be paid for their years of printing worthless money and the only collateral is the United States itself. When the Reserve calls in its markers the government will have no other choice than to surrender the collateral, giving the Reserve the right to do with our nation whatever it wishes; even melding it with our northern and southern neighbors to make the N.A.U.; much to the consternation of all of us who have labored under the false assumption that we are a free people.

While the thought of the three nations becoming one continental entity bothers many, including myself, it will erase the borders and make it much easier for believers in Yeshua to flee the United States. Remember that the N.A.U. will mimic the European Union. Each of the three entities would in effect become a state, and just like travel between E.U. countries, and travel between states here in the U.S. is quite easy, so will travel between the three entities of the N.A.U. be a snap.

So has any of this been verified in any way. I answer that question by telling you the reader to just read the headlines in the media. Yeshua described these things as “birth pangs” and just like in childbirth the symptoms always precede the birth. You might not see the baby yet, but you can certainly see that the birth is coming, and quite soon too. Because we know that Yahweh knows history before it happens, since He is the writer of history, then we can surmise that He would let some of us know, right?

One way that Yahweh reveals things is through dreams and visions. He forecast in the Book of the prophet Joel that:

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions Joel 2:28

We know too that everything that Yahweh does He heralds through his prophets:

Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. Amos 3:7

One such dream came to Jim Wilhelmsen, and in that dream Yahweh tells us about the exodus, and what precipitates it. Let's read Jim's account of that dream, shall we?

In the late 70's during a time of fasting (about a ten day fast) I had a vivid dream about America. Now this was still at a time in history when we were still engaged in the cold war and Russia was our enemy.

In this dream America was in a state of total chaos. It seemed like there was a collapse of the economy, marshal law imposed and various foreign troops on our land for different reasons.

In this dream, a few friends and myself were traveling from property I owned up in northern Michigan that was out in the remote country. We were headed to the inner city of Detroit to trade food for medical supplies at a Christian ministry. On the way we ran into various groups. There were Russian troops that were someone to avoid but not the

real danger. We also ran into UN troops that were composed of a multinational force. These were again, a group to avoid but not the real danger.

As we entered the city many buildings were ransacked with broken windows and exposed to the weather, others burned out with very few that were opened for any kind of business. We had the feeling that we had to approach our destination with great caution. From a gutted out building on the second story, we watched the main street before entering the street where the ministry was located. It was like watching rats in an alley as people were randomly sneaking into some of the buildings and taking things for themselves. We saw the ministry building we were heading for and the contact person was just outside on the sidewalk in front waiting for us.

Just when we were ready to leave our safe position and come out in the open on the street, we heard shots. In front of us were camouflaged military looking troops who had no national identity or patches of any kind. These we knew somehow were Americans but they did not act like anyone friendly. They were fierce in their cover move actions moving down the streets literally shooting at anything that moved. Our friend was cut down and so was anyone in their path. This group was the one to be feared and was the most dangerous group of them all and yet they were our own people!

We then knew our only safe refuge was Canada that by leaving America, we would find safety and peace from this other group. Many had already gone that rout and then the scene changed. I then saw a bridge that was almost covered with water with thousands of Americans leaving the country into Canada on it.

Then the scene turned back into the horrible urban scene and I knew that I was to stay here for a bit longer because I had something more to do before I left. I then woke up knowing this was a dream for the Lord but most of it did not make sense to me at the time.

Since then almost thirty years later, I have come to understand the meaning of the dream. The message was personalized by my own imagination to create a scenario that probably will not happen in a literal sense but it was the vehicle by which the message could be understood.

Dreams can be literal to every detail and others can be more of an abstraction of truth in a story form. Prayerful waiting on the Lord is the only way to know for sure what you are experiencing. What the Lord was telling me was this kind of situation would befall America. Canada was a refuge and safe haven for Christians fleeing the wrath in America. I felt the ultimate destination was Israel. The most important warning was the fact that in spite of all the real dangers that were on our soil from outside of America, the ultimate danger was going to come from within.

This alone could be dismissed as a vivid dream, but Yahweh will always confirm His dreams, words and visions. One such verification came from a man who wrote to Jim years later and told him of a dream that he had. The man related that he had a dream that he remembered quite well. In the dream he saw a map of Canada and superimposed over the map he saw a “red cross” flag. The man got the impression during the dream that there was some sort of trouble in the United

States and that Canada would be used to care for wounded people from the States.

In light of the election results of November 04, 2008 there are some possibilities that might come into play that could bring about great strife in the United States. The worst case scenario would be that someone would try to bring harm to Barack Obama and this would ignite a race war that would pit American against American. Of course the enemies of this nation would see that as a signal to attack us. The White Supremacists and the Black Supremacists would be embroiled in conflict in just about every large town and village and since most of our military forces are overseas, our government would call in United Nations troops to quell the civil war. What most people do not know is that embedded into the new Obama Care healthcare law was a provision for a private civilian army to be funded with all of the earmarks of the regular armed forces. The law states that this “force” will be used in healthcare emergencies “and other national emergencies.” Could one of those emergencies be to usher Christians and Jews to the nearest border for deportation? Only time will show us if this will all play out.

I know that it seems from the things that have been written here and in many of the articles of our websites that some could think that we are pompous or high-minded where our opinions of the United States and prophecy are concerned. We do not make any assertion that our nation is better than any other nation. No! As a matter of fact we lean toward the notion that the United States could possibly be the physical extension of the Babylon that is supposed to reemerge before the end of all things. We’re quite concerned for our nation and of course the fate of believers all across our land and around the globe.

One thought must remain in all of our minds. Of all of the nations on Earth, up until the election of Barack Obama, the U.S. had been the only staunch ally of Israel. Even though our military has been weakened and the brunt of our fighting forces are in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo and everywhere but at home, we are still a formidable force to be reckoned with. If when the monetary crisis worsens, natural disasters grow in number and/or severity (which has already been witnessed), and we are embroiled in a civil war we would not be able to defend Israel. Given Obama's disdain for Jews and Israel, and his love affair with everything Islam, it is quite conceivable that all of these things will soon thrust us into the Ezekiel 38 and 39 events.

Although we have touched on some scenarios in this chapter, the main premise is that there are many descendants of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel, and we have been given a perpetual inheritance from Yahweh to possess our tribal lands. Persecutions of Christians here and abroad will lead to the biggest exodus in the history of the planet. Yahweh promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that their descendants would number like the sands of the sea and the stars of heaven. The descendants of Judah over the past 2500 years have produced millions of people. Imagine how many people are descended from the Ten Lost Tribes. If you don't know which tribe you belong to, don't worry because Yahweh knows, and He will settle you right where you belong.

GLOSSARY

Beit Ha Mikdash: The Holy Temple

Brit Hadasha: The New Testament

El Elyon: God Most High

El Shaddai: God Almighty

Ketuvim: The “writing” books of the Bible

Neviim: The Prophets

Ruach: Hebrew word for “spirit,” used in small letter when speaking of man’s spirit.

Ruach Ha Kodesh: Hebrew for Holy Spirit – Spirit of Holiness

Tanakh: The complete Old Testament

Torah: The Five Books of Moses (First five books of the Bible)

Yahweh: LORD, or Lord God of Israel

Yahweh Yeshua: Hebrew - Our rendering of Lord Jesus

Yerushalayim – Hebrew for Jerusalem

Yeshua- Hebrew for Jesus

Yeshua Ha Mashiach – Hebrew, means Jesus the Messiah

