

Will God restore the Ancient kingdom of Israel?



The disciples asked Jesus if the kingdom of Israel would be restored during their time. Jesus replied, "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:7-8).

The disciples asked a very important question. The re-unification of their fractured kingdom, if not restored, will keep all creation in tyranny and division. That sounds bold, but it is the spiritual story mirrored in the fractured kingdom of Israel that God wants His people, all of mankind and earth and creation in heaven to understand.

The great witness of taking the gospel to all ends of earth remains incomplete. Jesus said to the disciples rather than focusing on the restoration of their kingdom, put your attention fully on taking the gospel to all the world. A legal witness will go out to all of God's people and to all the earth because judgement and sentencing will come to a forewarned people.

Notice Jesus' first response, "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority." This indicates that Jesus, the Son of God, does not know the exact time and hour of his return as he awaits the go-ahead command from his Father, our Father in heaven.

"But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only" (Matthew 24:36).

Almighty God and Jesus Christ are two separate beings who have the relationship of a Father and a Son. The Father is the All-powerful, the Supreme and the Almighty God over all creation. It is the Almighty God who will say, "Enough! The kingdom will be handed over to the saints!" In the book of Daniel, the legal judgement was recorded, "But the court will sit, and his power [that is the power of the "little horn" ruling over the beastly coalition oppressing the saints in the very last days of this evil age], will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. Then

the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the **whole** heaven [third and second heaven] will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High” (Daniel 7:26-27). The saints will rule with Jesus Christ, the King over all kings and Lord over all lords.

So much information was revealed when Jesus replied to the disciples about the restoration of the ancient kingdom of Israel. But there are still many questions related to the restoration that are rarely addressed.

This study will discuss the following topics:

- Why did the God of Israel allow the fracture of the ancient kingdom of Israel—His people?
- Was all this foreknown to God Almighty?
- What lessons are there in the great fracture of the ancient kingdom that was designed for mankind as a learning tool?
- Who else is learning lessons?
- Who are God’s people into the 21st century?
- Will God restore the kingdom of Israel, His people?
- If so, when will the kingdom of Israel be restored?
- What will be unique about this kingdom that it becomes a special treasure for God Almighty?

Almighty God knows the future. He has engineered an experience for mortal mankind that will forge an eternal allegiance to righteousness and the fortification of an unbreakable trust in mankind’s Great, Eternal Creator.

Why did the God of Israel allow the fracture of the ancient kingdom of Israel?

God allows free choice. The ancient Israelites were determined to live as they pleased. They remembered the power of Egypt, their extensive army, their build-up of military might, their economic strength and the glory they received. They craved superpower status. God Almighty was training His people to be a humble kingdom of priests, living in tents to mirror this temporary life on earth. This did not appeal to ancient Israel; so, they asked for an earthly king.

“And the LORD told him: ‘Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king’” (1 Samuel 8:7).

Ancient Israel thought they knew what was best for them. In making their own choice, they:

- Disobeyed God and wandered into living as they pleased.
- Rejected Almighty God as their King.
- Desired self-glory, self-determination and power, which they saw in the nations around them, like powerful Egypt.
- Wanted to be like the nations ruled by rebel sons of God and eventually they turned to serving rogue, heavenly rulers instead of the Almighty God.

Rejecting Almighty God as their King and turning to rule their kingdom under the leadership of a physical king, in time, caused them to serve fallen sons of God who ruled over the ancient world. Their choice was the spiritually immature thinking placing all effort into the temporary physical world rather than maturing spiritually to put all effort into preparing and building strengths and qualities in order to rule humbly and righteously in God’s eternal kingdom.

Was all this foreknown to God Almighty?

God foreknew their choices before man was created. He engineered their saving plan and incorporated it into His grand plan. Sins would play a part and grace would be offered as the critical component to entering into God’s kingdom of love for one another. All creation would learn to extend grace one to another as God has offered all of mankind.

The sacrifice of the Son of God was also foreknown and preplanned.

“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life you inherited from your forefathers, but with the **precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world** but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you” (I Peter 1:17-20).

“And all the people who belong to this world worshiped the beast. They are the ones whose names were not written in the Book of Life that belongs to **the Lamb who was slaughtered before the world was made**” (Revelation 13:8).

God’s saving plan for mankind was preplanned in detail before the foundation of the earth.

God gave His people the Holy days. Each Holy Day is a step in the plan of salvation for mankind. We are told to keep them as reminders, teach others and spread the good news of the gospel to all the world.

God's Holy Days

God's Salvation Plan Revealed

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1
The Passover
Payment of sin
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2
Feast of Unleavened Bread
Removal of sin out of our lives
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3
Pentecost
Church receives God's Holy Spirit
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4
Feast of Trumpets Rosh Hashanah
Return of Jesus Christ
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5
Day of Atonement Yom Kippur
God's people are atoned for their sins
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6
Feast of Tabernacles Sukkot
Millennial reign of Jesus Christ
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7
Salvation offered to all people

“He was delivered up by **God's set plan and foreknowledge**, and you, by the hands of the lawless, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross” (Acts 2:23).

Redemptive mankind was also foreknown.

Before the foundation of the earth, God foreknew every man and woman that would be a descendant of Adam and Eve. He likely even planned when each person would be born during the 6,000-year period.

“For **He chose us in Him [Christ] before the foundation of the world** to be holy and blameless in His presence” (Ephesians 1:4).

What lessons are there in the great fracture of the ancient kingdom for mankind to learn?

God's plan, which has not changed, was to establish His people as an example for all nations on earth. God's work is not yet done. It will take the leadership and kingship of Jesus Christ during the Millennium to achieve that important stepping-stone along the pathway of God's plan.

God said to Isaiah, “It is not enough for You to be My Servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the protected ones of Israel. **I will also make You a light for the nations, to bring My salvation to the ends of the earth**” (Isaiah 49:6).

God, talking to Isaiah, was talking to all teachers, apostles, prophets and every man and woman of the kingdom of Israel. The Apostle Paul applied Isaiah 49:6 to himself and all of the twelve tribes of Israel.

“Then Paul and Barnabas answered them [the Jews] boldly: ‘It was necessary to speak the word of God to you first. But since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles [the lost sheep of Israel—the ten tribes]. For thus the Lord has commanded us: **'I have set you for a light of the Gentiles, you to be for salvation to the uttermost part of the earth. When the Gentiles heard this, they rejoiced and glorified the word of the Lord, and all who were appointed for eternal life believed'**” (Acts 14:46-48).

The lesson is the example of humble repentance of sin and the joyous acceptance of serving and obeying Almighty God sincerely and eternally. Then, in righteous leadership, teach the truth of salvation—the good news of eternal life and God's offer for all of mankind to be part of His eternal, holy, royal, ruling God-family.

The back-story provides pieces to the puzzle.

The twelve tribes of Israel are the twelve sons of Jacob. In order of birth, they are: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph and Benjamin. Jacob loved Rachel, but was tricked into marrying her sister, Leah first. Then, as each sister competed to conceive and give birth to children, each gave their servant to Jacob to also conceive and give birth. Rachel was the last wife to conceive and she gave birth to two sons: Joseph and Benjamin. Each of these sons mirror a spiritual story. The number of sons born from the different wives and servants all reveal significant details in God's building of a perfect

government comprised of humble, righteous men and women. The wives mirror different churches—religious bodies who will hold significant power in God’s kingdom. Two churches will come out of God’s people and two churches will come out of the nations of the world to birth a righteous congregation who will be resurrected and added to God’s family.

Who are these people today? Applying a broad-brush descriptor, they are the Judo-Christians.

Today, only the Jews remember their ancient origins. They are comprised of two tribes: Judah and Benjamin. The “lost sheep of Israel” are the remaining ten tribes. While the ten tribes have forgotten their origins, collectively, the tribes comprise of the Judo-Christians. Many of the nations that have roots in the ten tribes, today, hold to the Catholic faith and many have left the faith.

The umbrella term “Judo-Christians” identifies the two important leaders of the twelve tribes, now, twelve nations: Judah and Joseph. The Christians are primarily the English-speaking people from the house of Joseph. These two groups of nations will have very important roles to fill during the final seven years of this evil age.

Regardless of whether they remember their roots or not, they are all bound in an eternal covenant.

To trace the origins of the ten tribes, now ten independent nations today, requires a careful look into scripture to uncover their footsteps. Like an archeologist using a fine brush, finding the fragments of their journey can be challenging, but never impossible because God did not reject them.

God made an unconditional covenant with Abraham that was confirmed with Isaac (Abraham’s only heir) and reconfirmed with Jacob (the younger twin son of Isaac).

God will not break His promise made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob despite the hostility of Jacob’s descendants towards Him. God will continue to correct His people; they will suffer for their sins, but He will never reject them or allow them to be exterminated.

“They will pay for their sins because they rejected my laws and abhorred my decrees. Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, **I will not reject them or abhor them so as to destroy them completely, breaking my covenant with them. I am the LORD their God**” (Leviticus 26:44-45).

God admits that if He allows them to be exterminated, then He has broken His covenant with them, hence, He will have lied to them and His word would not be trustworthy. God cannot sin.

God does not take away freewill. They can choose life and reap the blessings of obedience or they can choose hostility towards God and reap curses, hardships, suffering and death.

Both houses of ancient Israel chose to rebel against God choosing to serve rebel heavenly rulers—fallen sons of God who ruled over the nations in ancient times. At different times, they

were taken into captivity. The northern house (Israel) fell in 722 B.C. to the Assyrians. The southern house (Judah) fell in 586 B.C. Only the southern house (Judah) acknowledged their sins and returned to rebuild after the punished-time was complete, 70 years later. The northern house (Israel) did not initially repent. They were angry and God sentenced them seven times their initial punished-time as He said he would do when His people refused to acknowledge their sins. "If in spite of this you still do not listen to me but continue to be hostile toward me, then in my anger I will be hostile toward you, and I myself will punish you for your sins seven times over" (Leviticus 26:27-28).

Their refusal to repent led eventually to their divorce and severing from the covenant family. God simply will not tolerate wickedness and open rebellion. He does not favour His people over the people of the nations. In fact, He has higher expectations from them. He is molding them into a humble, God-fearing and God-serving people to be an example to the nations of the world, their shining light of righteousness. God will win against His stubborn people.

While the ten tribes were not allowed to return to the Promised Land to resettle and rebuild, a remnant did return but this righteous and repentant remnant did not grow into a significant size.

Scripture has carefully preserved their light footprints after God sentenced the ten tribes to seven times their initial punishment. A scroll detailing God's law and Holy Days was discovered in the temple under the reign of King Josiah (king of Judah). The house of Judah had fallen deep into serving and worshipping the rebel gods over the nations. They had forgotten God's law and His Holy Days. When the fate of the kingdom of Judah was made known to this king, he tore his clothes and worked relentlessly to clean up the whole kingdom of Judah and Israel. God said, "I will remove Judah also from my presence as I removed Israel, and I will reject Jerusalem, the city I chose, and this temple, about which I said, 'There shall my Name be'" (II Kings 23:27).

Young King Josiah was deeply remorse for his sins and the sins of his people. Learning of the Passover, he set out to keep it and encourage the tribes of the northern house (Israel) to keep it with them. At this time, the northern house (Israel) while still under the oversight of the Assyrians, were living north east of their original homeland. They had a level of freedom that allowed them to keep the Passover and contribute to King Josiah's request of funding the repair of the temple in Jerusalem.

"They went to Hilkiah the high priest and gave him the money that had been brought into the temple of God, which the Levites who were the doorkeepers had collected from the people of Manasseh, Ephraim and the entire remnant of Israel and from all the people of Judah and Benjamin and the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (II Chronicles 34:9). The repair of the temple in Jerusalem was funded by all twelve tribes of Israel.

That year, all twelve tribes of Israel kept the Passover.

“Josiah celebrated the Passover to the LORD in Jerusalem, and the Passover lamb was slaughtered on the 14th day of the first month... He said to the Levites, who instructed all Israel [that is, all of the twelve tribes of Israel both the house of Judah and the house of Israel] and who had been consecrated to the LORD ‘Put the sacred ark in the temple that Solomon son of David king of Israel built... Now serve the LORD your God and his people Israel... The Passover had not been observed like this in Israel since the days of the Prophet Samuel; and **none of the kings of Israel had ever celebrated such a Passover as did Josiah, with the priests, the Levites and all Judah and Israel who were there with the people of Jerusalem.** This Passover was celebrated in the 18th year of Josiah’s reign” (II Chronicles 35:1, 3, 18-19).

It was in 619 B.C. that the Passover was celebrated with conviction and intense passion by ALL of the twelve tribes of Israel.

The Passover is a significant Holy Day. The name “Passover” points to protection from the death angel who would “pass over” the first born of the families of the homes who have the blood of a lamb without blemish painted on their door post. It is a Holy Day that reminds all Judo-Christians not only of the death of our Saviour but the protection of the saints—those who will be part of the first resurrection—the first to be born into their eternal bodies.

The story recorded in II Kings 23 and II Chronicles 35 shows the joining of all twelve tribes to celebrate the Passover. This shows that 103 years after the captivity of the northern house of Israel, a significant portion of these people recommitted themselves to serving and obeying God. Still, God did not allow them to resettle and rebuild; their extended sentence would not expire until 2,520 years was completed.

However, a remnant certainly can be seen in scripture to have settled but not to represent the nations these people would become. This revelation can be seen in the story of the woman at the well.

Recorded only in the book of John in the New Testament, Jesus talks to a Samaritan woman living in the land given to Joseph where there was a well dug originally by the patriarch, Jacob. We discover that she knows her roots go back to Jacob. Jesus asks this woman for a drink. She is initially confused that a Jew would talk to a Samaritan, but that barrier is immediately dissolved as their conversation enters into a spiritual discussion. Jesus is offering her God’s Holy Spirit, after all, he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel (Matthew 15:24). She mirrors the church of the ten tribes of Israel.

She Immediately was alerted by this offer. She asked, “**Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well** and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?” (John 4:12) She recognized that both of them have the same ancestry as she refers to Jacob as their patriarchal father—“**our** father Jacob” and “who gave **us** the well.” The well belongs to both the Jews and people of the ten-tribe remnant living there from the ancient northern house.

The well is also their common source of water. God's Holy Spirit is symbolized as water, which is given through Jesus Christ. It is not by coincidence that Jesus goes to that well to offer this woman God's Holy Spirit.

As their conversation progresses, she sees that Jesus is a prophet of God. She is waiting for the Saviour to come. "The woman said, 'I know that Messiah is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us'" (John 4:25).

Jesus replied, "I who speak to you am he" (John 4:26).

Immediately, she believed and ran and told her town's people and they believed. Jesus stayed with them for two days and they concluded, "we know that this man really is the Savior of the world" (John 4:42b).

The story of the woman at the well unveils a spiritual wonder that Jesus Christ, King over all kings and Lord over all lords, upon his return will first go to his Bride, the churches in Judah, Jerusalem and Israel. The national leaders will then be informed of Christ's orders by the church. When Jesus was resurrected, the first person he talked to was Mary. The female gender is a mirror of the church—the key religious body that will bind with law and order to form the perfect government that God will establish in His kingdom. It is a mirror of the union of Jesus Christ and his Bride. The creation of gender: male and female and the spiritual meaning for the creation of two different bodies is a profound mystery. The Apostle Paul understood and said, "**This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church**" (Ephesians 5:32). He confirmed the marriage of law and order with religion.

The Christians came out from the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul was sent to the Gentiles, the ten tribes of Israel. He traveled to Spain, throughout Asia Minor, Greece, Rome and places far away to teach them God's law and His way. God said to Paul, "Go; I will send you far away to the Gentiles" (Acts 23:21).

From his teaching, the ten tribes emerged as a notable body of people following Christ under the name, Christian. During Paul's defense before King Agrippa, he said, "The Jews all know the way I have lived ever since I was a child, from the beginning of my life in my own country, and also in Jerusalem. They have known me for a long time and can testify, if they are willing, that according to the strictest sect of our religion, I lived as a Pharisee. And now it is because of my hope in what God has promised our fathers that I am on trial today. **This the promise our twelve tribes are hoping to see fulfilled as they earnestly serve God, day and night**" (Acts 26:4-7).

At the time of Paul's trial, he could advocate for the ten tribes to be dedicated to serving God, the God of Israel and embracing the same belief. The trial against Paul came from the Jewish priests because they rejected Jesus and rejected the teaching of a resurrection into eternal life.

Paul continued to defend himself. "O king, it is because of this hope that the Jews are accusing me. Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?"

"I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests, I put many of the saints in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. In my obsession against them, I even went to foreign cities to persecute them."

"On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. About noon, O king, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'"

"Then I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?'"

"'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' the Lord replied. 'Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you. I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'"

"So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. That is why the Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me. But I have had God's help to this very day, and so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen—that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to his own people and to the Gentiles."

At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defense. "You are out of your mind, Paul!" he shouted. "Your great learning is driving you insane."

"I am not insane, most excellent Festus," Paul replied. "What I am saying is true and reasonable. The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do."

Then Agrippa said to Paul, "Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?"

Paul replied, "Short time or long—I pray God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains."

The king rose, and with him the governor and Bernice and those sitting with them. They left the room and while talking with one another, they said, "This man is not doing anything that deserves death or imprisonment" (Acts 26).

In Paul's legal defense, he confirmed the existence of all twelve tribes of Israel. He confirmed their common belief in the resurrection and that they are now known as Christians.

The Apostle James also addressed all twelve tribes of Israel "scattered among the nations" (James 1:1). He too knew the house of Israel had returned to God.

At the time that Jesus was on earth, there was a small remnant from the ten tribes of Israel living in their original homeland, but most of them were living in Asia Minor. Josephus, a renown Jewish historian, recorded, "There are but two tribes in Asia ... subject to the Romans, while the ten tribes are beyond the Euphrates now, and are an immense multitude, and not to be estimated by numbers." (Flavius Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews, bk. 11, ch. 5, sec. 2)

The ten tribes of Israel had grown into a great number of people. Because they were divorced from the covenant family, they lost their name, Israel, and became known as Gentiles. However, Jesus was sent only to these lost sheep of Israel and he taught them while he was on earth. They were the multitude of 4,000 people. Close to the borders of the Decapolis region, Jesus performed a great miracle feeding them bread and fish. A remnant of the ten tribes were living there. Of the 4,000 people Jesus taught, many came from areas far, far away. The great distance from where most of them came, necessitated the gathering of as much food as possible to sustain them on their trip home. These people were amazed and humbled by the healing Jesus did and they praised God. They were the prodigal son who lived in squalor for a long time, returning humbly and grateful for their father's love, warm embrace and invitation back into the family.

Jesus addressed each of the seven major churches in Asia Minor. He praised them for their good works and identified their mistakes. The spiritual picture of these seven churches in Asia Minor is like an address to a kingdom of priests and their core functions. Only the overcomers will be saved.

Who are these people into the 21st century?

The 21st century nations of Israel have not yet fully taken the good news of God's salvation plan for all of mankind to the ends of the earth. Their leadership today is full of corruption and deceit. The people are busy trying to make ends meet during unstable economic conditions. Developing a deep and meaningful relationship with God is far from their minds. They are living according to their own judgement. However, peppered among God's people are a small remnant who will trigger a great religious revival and open the hearts of all Judo-Christians to spiritually cleanse themselves. The time of cleansing will occur during an unprecedented period of

great distress for all twelve nations of Israel. It lies on our near horizon when they will be again enslaved; they will cry out to their God, the Almighty God and He will hear them.

The Gentiles, given the task to take the gospel to the whole world, were the brothers of the Jews; they are the ten tribes. It remains a mystery to Christians today, who once knew their roots. The Apostle Paul said, “I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers [the ten tribes], so that you may not be conceited: Israel [the Jews] has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so, all Israel will be saved, as it is written: ‘The deliverer will come from Zion, he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins. As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the Patriarchs, for God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable” (Romans 11:25-29).

In deed this is a mystery. The Apostle Paul clearly identifies these Gentiles are descendants of the patriarchs who, through Abraham, received the unconditional covenant given by God—it is irrevocable! God will turn them from sinning; He will show them their sins and they will repent. The tables have turned. The house of Judah repented after their captivity in Babylon those many years ago. As they worked to obey God’s law and keep His Holy Days, they added their own traditions—many of them. Their human effort moved the pendulum closer and closer into self-righteousness. The great sins of their brothers, the ten tribes of Israel, was unrighteousness. Neither house achieved balance because the leaders and the people did not have God’s Holy Spirit. Both houses have failed.



The Apostle Paul continued, “Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God’s mercy to you. For God has

bound all men over to disobedience so that He may have mercy on them all” (Romans 11:30-32).

This is important to understand. The righteousness of human effort and works cannot qualify mankind for eternal life in God’s kingdom.

Isaiah was troubled about the perpetually sinning of God’s people said to God, “For we all are as a defiled thing and all our righteousness is like the patch of cloth of a menstruous woman. We all fall like leaves, and our sins have carried us off like a hurricane” (Isaiah 64:6).

Many translations of this scripture used the words “filthy rags” or “polluted garment” for “patch of cloth of a menstruous woman” translated by the Aramaic Bible in Plain English. The meaning is clearer in the Aramaic Bible translation because of the spiritual meaning intended by Isaiah. When an egg is not fertilized, it is released from the woman’s body. A period of bleeding takes place as the purging of the egg takes place. This is a spiritual mirror of what takes place when the ministry and priests don’t have God’s Holy Spirit, using only man’s knowledge and wisdom, they will fail to conceive a congregation fit for God’s kingdom; their congregation will be purged and not receive life eternal.

The twelve nations of 21st century Israel are yet to **fully** keep God’s law and learn His theology, so they can be a shining light of righteousness to the nations on earth who will then, look to the Almighty God as their God.

It is their bad behaviour that has hidden them again from public view. The once lost sheep of Israel after their divorce from the covenant family lived in sin and suffered. They sought to return. Jesus invited back. He was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel (Matthew 15:24). These lost sheep today can be identified from origins other than their ancient Hebrew roots.

Josephus placed them in Asia Minor at the time of Jesus on earth. The Apostle Paul found some of them in Spain, Greece and Rome. God who images His power as the East Wind said that He has pushed them away from Him.

“Although he flourishes among his brothers, an east wind will come—a wind from the LORD rising up from the desert. His fountain will fail, and his spring will run dry. The wind will plunder his treasury of every precious article” (Hosea 13:15).

The ten tribes may have achieved economic and military strength from time to time, but God never took His eyes off of them. He is the great Potter and they are the clay in His hands. The East wind pushes objects in its path westward.

The ten tribes moved into Western Europe and all of the West.

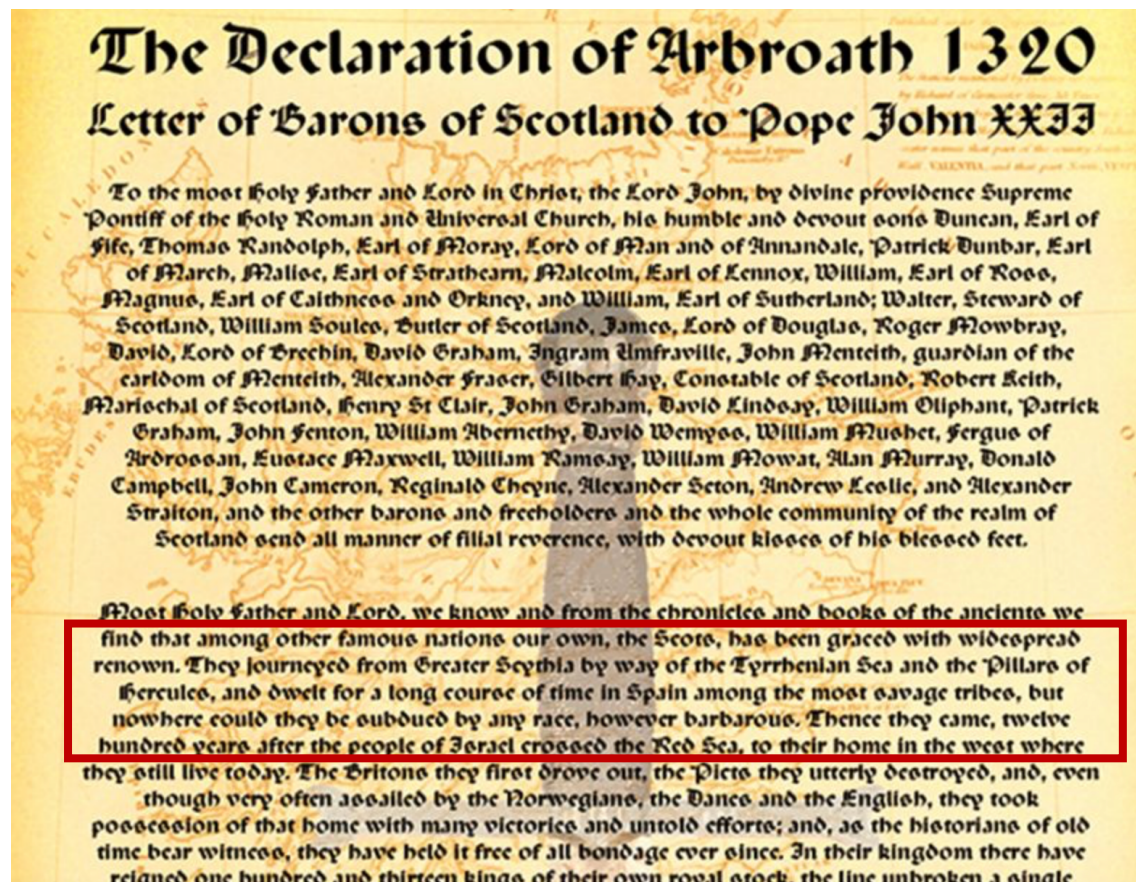


Many of the lost sheep of Israel identify their roots as Caucasian having lived by the Caucasus Mountains for a while before entering Europe. God was determined to keep pushing His lost sheep west. The reason was to show His people and the whole world that He will not tolerate unrighteousness. Also, they were sentenced seven times their original punishment. This realization will not be understood until the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ. The whole world will learn the truth and God's people will abhor themselves, repent and finally, sincerely serve the Almighty God, their LORD.

Found in the introduction of a declaration by the Scots to the Pope in Rome asserting Scotland's sovereignty over English territorial claims, is a silenced piece of history that describes a journey of a people who have traveled far to rest in the West. It is preserved in the Declaration of Arbroath of 1320.

“Most Holy Father and Lord, we know and from the chronicles and books of the ancients we find that among other famous nations our own, the Scots, has been graced with widespread renown. They journeyed from Greater Scythia by way of the Tyrrhenian Sea and the Pillars of Hercules, and dwelt for a long course of time in Spain among the most savage tribes, but nowhere could they be subdued by any race, however barbarous. **Thence they came, twelve hundred years after the people of Israel crossed the Red Sea, to their home in the west where they still live today.** The Britons they first drove out, the Picts they utterly destroyed, and, even though very often assailed by the Norwegians, the Danes and the English, they took possession of that home with many victories and untold efforts; and, as the historians of old time bear witness, they have held it free of all bondage ever since. In their kingdom there have reigned one hundred and thirteen kings of their own royal stock, the line unbroken a single foreigner. The high qualities and deserts of these people, were they not otherwise manifest, gain glory enough from this: that the King of kings and Lord of lords, our Lord Jesus Christ, after His Passion and Resurrection, called them, even though settled in the uttermost parts of the earth, almost the first to His most holy faith. Nor would He have them confirmed in that faith by merely anyone but by the first of His Apostles — by calling, though second or third in rank —

the most gentle Saint Andrew, the Blessed Peter's brother, and desired him to keep them under his protection as their patron forever."



Written in the third person, the Scots identify themselves as having origins in ancient Israel and to be honoured by Jesus Christ, himself, to be called to the faith, almost the first to be called, even though they were living far, far away from Jerusalem.

Early Scottish history remembers their roots.

So easily history is forgotten. So easily Satan moves in to force his way on people. The God of Israel is all-powerful. He is using the work of Satan to purge the relentless wicked and mold the repentant into pillars of loyal and righteous people.

Specifically, to keep the ten tribes of Israel from putting down their brothers, the Jews, after receiving grace and a golden invitation back into the covenant family, the Apostle Paul quoted from Hosea, "I will call them [national leaders in all ten tribes in multiple levels] 'My People' who are not My people and I will call **her [religious leaders]** 'My Beloved' who is not My beloved," and, "It will happen that in the place [the West] where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' there [in the West] they will be called 'sons of the living God.' Isaiah cries out

concerning Israel: 'Though the number of the Israelites is like the sand of the sea, **only the remnant will be saved**'" (Romans 9:25-27).

Only a remnant from all twelve tribes will be saved! What is coming will be a time of great distress, lies will run rampant and deceit will cover the earth. A great falling away will take place. Protection will come only from a close relationship with God. He will open eyes to see and ears to hear the truth and the strength to withstand the onslaught will come from Him.

Into the 21st century, still much confusion exists. The nations of 21st century ten tribes of Israel today do not reflect their Hebrew roots. A remnant serve God, keep His commandments and His Holy Days. Most of the Christian churches ignore God's Holy Days, exchanged God's Sabbath for Sunday worship and some teach that God's law was nailed to the cross. The Old Testament is read but the eternal reminders of God's timeline built into the Holy Days are blind to most of them. Adding to the confusion, is the teaching of many different interpretations of scripture.

Much correction is necessary and Almighty God is very much aware of the needed changes. It was prophesied that the descendants of Jacob will enter a time of great distress known as Jacob's Trouble fortunately there is a positive ending.

"In all history there has never been such a time of terror. It will be a time of trouble for my people Israel. Yet **in the end they will be saved!**" (Jeremiah 30:7)

Change will come for both houses: Judah and Israel. They will repent and cry out to God and He will hear them. For the first time in their history, both houses will cry out **at the same time** and weep together asking their God for help and saving. They will join together as a union of twelve tribes to beseech the God of Israel for a great rescue.

"In those days and at that time, declares the LORD, the children of Israel and the children of Judah will come together, weeping as they come, and will seek the LORD their God" (Jeremiah 50:4).

"In those days **the house of Judah shall join the house of Israel**, and together they shall come from the land of the north to the land that I gave your fathers for a heritage" (Jeremiah 3:18).

The ten nations of the house of Israel will remember their heritage and a fervor and passion for God's law and His way will burn within. Almighty God will recognize their sincere conviction and save them. Jeremiah 30:7 states, "Yet **in the end they will be saved!**"

God loves! He loves His people; He loves His all of mankind; He loves all of His creation in heaven and on earth.

A bigger picture is being revealed. Creation on earth will learn righteousness and the importance of keeping God's law. Creation in heaven will embrace grace and the importance of

forgiveness, kindness, and enduring love. God is teaching all creation, in heaven and on earth, that law has a partner with grace, which is encapsulated in His theology.

God's point: law and theology must work as one. Law alone, without theology, leads to corruption and fracturing, as did the ancient house of Israel. Righteous leadership is the marriage of God's law and His theology.

God's plan is to heal the fracture by offering mankind the forgiveness of their sins through Christ's redemptive sacrifice. He will give them grace and a unique and powerful spirit, His Holy Spirit so that mankind can know and live His way of love and peace.

Who else is learning lessons?

This evil age is running amuck. It may appear that Almighty God has lost control, not so. Every detail and every step along His plan are right on target. He is teaching creation in heaven and on earth important lessons. He is battling rebels, fallen angels in heaven who are attempting to overthrow the Son of God and Almighty God, Himself. These fallen sons of God will be thrown down to earth in the great battle recorded in Revelation when Michael and his army cast them out of heaven. The righteous angels are learning from the wickedness of fallen angels. They are also watching intently God's work on earth with His people, how He allows choice, how He corrects and His enduring love for them, despite their stubborn hearts.

"It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. **Even angels long to look into these things"** (I Peter 1:12).

When will God restore the kingdom of Israel, His people?

God's instructional technique uses mirroring, imagery, parallels, parables, numbers, symbols, stories and creation itself to teach mankind spiritual matters. Truly, God's people are without excuse and after the legal witness reaches all parts of the earth, they too, will be without excuse.

God will restore the kingdom of Israel under the Millennial rule of Jesus Christ. The kingdom of Israel mirror law and grace—law and theology, which will be eternally bound together.

"This is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'I am going to take the stick of Joseph—which is in Ephraim's hand—and of the Israelite tribes associated with him, and join it to Judah's stick, making them a single stick of wood, and they will become one in my hand... There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms... My **servant David will be king over them**, and they will all have **one shepherd** [Jesus Christ]. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees. They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob... and David my servant will be their prince forever. I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant... My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. Then the nations will know that I the LORD make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever'" (Ezekiel 37:19, 22, 24-28).

What will be unique about this kingdom that it becomes a special treasure for God Almighty?



The unique qualities that will shine brightly out of the reunited kingdom of Israel is a humbled spirit, a people ashamed of their sins and eternally dedicated to serving Almighty God, their Creator. They will have forged a beautiful glory out of their suffering, during a time that will never be repeated. These twelve nations will become a holy, royal, ruling kingdom of priests. Almighty God will live with them and the nations of the world will acknowledge God's choice and revere Him.

Ultimately, everyone who repents and overcomes will be awarded an office in God's family kingdom. Jesus said, "In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you to Myself, that where I am, you may be also" (John 14:2-3).

Nobody will be disappointed. Rather, ecstatic and humbled that God sees so much value in them.

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