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This writing is dedicated to:

All the faithful souls who made the ultimate sacrifice on this journey and to all those who still persevere to ensure that the word of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is fulfilled!

Introduction

This is a short synopsis of our history in the modern day state of Israel. It is written partially as a response to the announced intent of the government of Israel to deport some of our people in the very near future. My position is that the Bible/Torah clearly states the make-up of the family of Jacob/Israel- whose seed is known as the *Children of Israel*-; that they were 12 sons in number; that *the land of Israel* is their collective inheritance; and that in no way could all be considered “Jewish”!

I accept that the Jewish people have a right to a state of their own because there were two kingdoms in this land after Solomon, one Judean/Jewish, and the other Israelite/Israel. The northern kingdom was called *Israel* because the blessing of that name is the heritage of the seed of Joseph, and the house of *Ephraim* headed the northern kingdom. Both these kingdoms at separate times were expelled from this land, and both are prophesied to be brought back by the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

That Judah has returned I accept...it is now time for Judah to recognize that the House of Israel has also returned!

THERE IS NO ISRAEL WITHOUT JOSEPH!

Arrival in Israel

It is April 27, 2021, and just as it seemed life in Israel was returning to some form of normalcy, the Ministry of the Interior announces its intention to deport about 600 of our people who have never received any official status from the land! We are speaking of people some of whom have been here 20-30 years and children who were born and grew up in this land and this is the only home they know!

The news should not come as a shock to anyone who has been here long enough to watch the cat and mouse game between the Israeli government and the community play out over the years. This situation has been festering far too long and was inevitably going to come to a head and burst.

How did we arrive at this point?

When the first group of 39 arrived at Ben Gurion airport in August of 1969, they were somewhat expected and welcomed as new Jewish immigrants. This was because Brother Hezkiyahu (Charles Blackwell) had been left here the year before by then Brother Ben Ammi to begin the process of absorption under the then law of return. He lived on Kibbutz Bar Am and received legal papers allowing him access to all the social services of the country and to pave the way for those who were to follow.

He had told the immigration services that there were others like himself who wanted to come to Israel, and they were happy to begin the process of welcoming what they assumed to be the arrival of more new Jewish immigrants. They were surprised by the number of new arrivals but received them and sent them to various locations to begin their absorption.

However, once all the members had left Liberia and been placed in Israel, we declared that we were actually Israelites of the house of Israel and not Jewish, and that the law of return applied to us as Israelites without the need to convert to Judaism! This is when the problems began; the authorities wanted us to convert, and we were adamant that there was no need for Israelites to convert to Judaism.

Because of this, the law of return was changed in 1970 to only apply to Jews and we found ourselves isolated on the fringes of Israeli society without official status except for Prince Hezkiyahu. Everyone else was here illegally, as were all subsequent arrivals who came and overstayed their tourist visas. To prevent deportations, we renounced our American citizenship. This was the situation until 1986, when the government began deporting our people, beginning with some of those working at a fruit packing facility. This was made possible by an agreement between the Israeli and American governments for the Americans to accept back those deported in spite of their lack of official American citizenship.

Our response was “The Day of a Show of Strength”; a large majority of the community members were assembled in Dimona with the intent of marching to Jerusalem, men women and children, in protest of the deportations. The assembly alarmed the Israeli authorities to such an extent that tanks were brought in and snipers posted on the roof tops of buildings surrounding the Kifar where our people were assembled!

When Rabbi Ben Ammi came out to lead the march, he beheld the forces that were amassed against us and instead stood on the roof of one of the bomb shelters and declared that he saw the evil intent in the eyes and on the faces of those arrayed around us, but we would not give them the opportunity to satisfy that blood lust, no, not this day! Not because we are afraid- for if the trumpet sounds and the word is given- we will march and put our lives in the hands of Yahwah! But the trumpet has yet to sound, therefore, we will wait! We will fast in the meantime to show our God our faith in Him, and we will wait!

And we waited and we fasted, and on the third day the Israeli authorities came and asked how the impasse could be settled!

We agreed to take back our American citizenship and received temporary residency, which would become permanent after 5 years and citizenship 5 years after that, which mostly happened. However, there were other agreements that were intended to limit our numbers and the ability of others to join us. But people still came, and visas were still overstayed...and today the price is being paid.

So, now, we must first understand for ourselves the importance of our presence here as the House of Israel; this was the primary reason for our return to this land, i.e., to reclaim our national identity as Hebrew Israelites. We must know that prophetically there cannot be an “Israel” without the seed of Joseph present. We must know the promises given by the prophets of Israel of the return of the two

houses that YHWH has chosen and their inevitable reunification. And we must cause our Israeli brothers and sisters to recall the truth of those promises and feel comfortable in accepting them.

After 50+ Years

Excerpts from - THE DECLARATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

“ERETZ-ISRAEL [(Hebrew) - the Land of Israel, [Palestine] was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious, and political identity was shaped. Here they first attained to statehood, created cultural values of national and universal significance, and gave to the world the eternal Book of Books.

*ACCORDINGLY, WE, MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF ERETZ-ISRAEL AND OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT, ARE HERE ASSEMBLED ON THE DAY OF THE TERMINATION OF THE BRITISH MANDATE OVER ERETZ-ISRAEL AND, BY VIRTUE OF OUR NATURAL AND HISTORIC RIGHT AND ON THE STRENGTH OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HEREBY DECLARE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE IN ERETZ-ISRAEL, **TO BE KNOWN AS THE STATE OF ISRAEL.***

*THE STATE OF ISRAEL will be open for Jewish immigration and for the **Ingathering of the Exiles**; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace **as envisaged by the prophets of Israel...** for the realization of the age-old dream - **the redemption of Israel.***

PLACING OUR TRUST IN THE "ROCK OF ISRAEL", WE AFFIX OUR SIGNATURES TO THIS PROCLAMATION AT THIS SESSION OF THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE, ON THE SOIL OF THE HOMELAND, IN THE CITY OF TEL-AVIV, ON THIS SABBATH EVE, THE 5TH DAY OF IYAR, 5708 (14TH MAY,1948).

*"The 1955 Israeli government year-book said, "It is called the 'State of Israel' because it is part of the Land of Israel and not merely a Jewish State. The creation of the new State by no means derogates from the scope of historical **Eretz Israel**"."*

Wikipedia "The Land of Israel"

The land of Israel was not viewed by a majority of the founding fathers as merely a *Jewish State*; the vision given to the Prophets of Israel by the God/Rock of Israel was one of a whole, united family living again in the land of their fathers, the majority understood this, which is why when the Hebrew Israelites began returning

to Israel in 1969 they did so under the *Law of Return* that was based on the Declaration of Independence and were received as returnees of the House of Israel.

Problems arose because the officials had expected the returnees to convert to Judaism, but the Hebrew Israelites refused, stating that Judaism was for the Jewish people and was not required for the other families of Jacob that comprised the House of Israel. This moved the government to change the *Law of Return* to only apply to Jews, and all the privileges and services that had been given till that point to the returnees of the House of Israel were rescinded.

The Declaration clearly states that it is based on "*our natural and historic right and on the strength of the United Nation resolution*", which stipulates the following:

"A. DECLARATION

A declaration shall be made to the United Nations by the Provisional Government of each proposed State before independence. It shall contain, inter alia, the following clauses:

General Provision

The stipulations contained in the Declaration are recognized as fundamental laws of the State and no law, regulation or official action shall conflict or interfere with these stipulations, nor shall any law, regulation or official action prevail over them."

The stipulations contained in the Declaration of Independence are *fundamental laws of the State and no law, regulation or official action shall conflict or interfere with these stipulations, nor shall any law, regulation or official action prevail over them*. This means that both the revision to the original *Law of Return* and the more recent *Jewish State Law* are in fact in violation of the letter and spirit of the Declaration and there is need, therefore, to repeal them.

The Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, has stated that he believes in the Book of Books, and that each generation must ensure the eternity of Israel as expressed therein. Yet, the Prophets of Israel speak of the return of two houses, houses that must mutually accept one another and then be reunited, and he is only concerned with preserving the Jewish aspect. David used his sword and took the united house of Israel to capture Jerusalem as a symbol of the power in that unity, yet the Prime Minister seems to seek only to divide.

The Declaration speaks of the *age-old dream; the redemption of Israel*, and belief in the visions of *the Prophets of Israel* as contained within the *eternal Book of*

Books. This being so, then the words of those Prophets which testify of the house of Judah and the house of Israel must be accepted; that they are clearly two parts of a whole, the whole is known as **Israel**, the people as Israelites and the land is their common inheritance!

The current controversy is more than a case of illegal residency, but rather is rooted in acceptance or lack thereof of Prophetic truth. The people who overstayed their visas did so because they view themselves as Israelites and want to worship their God in the land promised to our forefathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. To raise their children in an environment that gives praise to that God, and they were/are willing to pay any price to pursue those objectives, just as the Jewish people were before gaining independence in 1948.

The love of this land and their God is rooted in their hearts and souls and this is what caused them to be willing to stay here all these years without status, struggling to find the means to support themselves, but loving just being here! Is the government of Israel, the leaders of a people who have known what it is like to live in lands where they felt and were treated like strangers, really prepared to deny these families the opportunity to freely worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as Hebrew Israelites?

"11 For thus saith YHWH GOD: Behold, here am I, and I will search for My sheep, and seek them out.

13 And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them upon the mountains of Israel, by the streams, and in all the habitable places of the country.

30 And they shall know that I YHWH their God am with them, and that they, THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, are My people, saith YHWH GOD."

Ezekiel 34

Other Biblical References

13 And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram *the Hebrew*...

Genesis 14

10 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.**

12 and the land which I gave unto Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, **and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.'**

22 *Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:*

Genesis 35

5 And now thy two sons, who were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; **Ephraim and Manasseh, even as Reuben and Simeon, shall be mine.**

15 **And he blessed Joseph,** and said: 'The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God who hath been my shepherd all my life long unto this day,

16 the angel who hath redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; **and let my name be named in them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac,** and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.'

22 Moreover **I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren,** which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.'

Genesis 48

1 And afterward Moses and Aaron came, and said unto Pharaoh: 'Thus saith **YHWH, the God of Israel:** Let My people go, that they may hold a feast unto Me in the wilderness.'

3 And they said: '**The God of the Hebrews** hath met with us. Let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice unto **YHWH our God;** lest He fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.'

Exodus 5

16 And thou shalt say unto him: **YHWH, the God of the Hebrews,** hath sent me unto thee, saying: Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness; and behold, hitherto thou hast not hearkened;

Exodus 7

These references are given to briefly show that...

1. The seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are Hebrew Israelites.
2. The land was given as an inheritance to the 12 sons of Jacob.
3. Ephraim and Menashe were taken by Jacob as his first and second born, in the stead of Reuben and Simeon.
4. The name Israel is the blessing of the house of Joseph.
5. The house of Joseph received a double portion of the inheritance from Jacob.
6. The house of Joseph will never be known as Judeans/Jews.

8 They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them; I will cause them to walk by rivers of waters, in a straight way wherein they shall not stumble; for I am become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is My first-born.

9 Is Ephraim a darling son unto Me? Is he a child that is dandled? For as often as I speak of him, I do earnestly remember him still; therefore, My heart yearneth for him, I will surely have compassion upon him, saith YHWH.

Jeremiah 31



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