In 722 BC the ten northern tribes of Israel were dispersed by the Assyrians; that is 10 tribes out of 12. Leaving only Judah and Benjamin with a few scattered Levites in the Southern kingdom of Judah. The primary importance of Judah was to bring forth the Messiah, The Lord Jesus Christ. The people of the Southern Kingdom or the restored Southern Kingdom are known as Jews from the tribal name Judah.

The Southern Kingdom:

- 1. Judah ("Jews")
- 2. Benjamin

Levi (scattered Priests through both kingdoms)

The Northern Kingdom:

- 1. Reuben
- 2. Simeon
- 3. Issachar
- 4. Zebulun
- 5. Dan
- 6. Naphtali
- 7. Gad
- 8. Asher
- 9. Ephraim (of Joseph)
- 10. Manasseh (of Joseph)

Levi (scattered Priests through both kingdoms)

These Northern Tribes are scattered and intermarried throughout the world. Many of them are and have been converted to Christianity. Also, many Jews are and have been converted to Christianity. Near the Return of Christ there will also be mass conversions of Jews to Jesus. "All" Israel will be saved.

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