"Lord, are you at this time going to restore the Kingdom of Israel?"

Acts 1:6

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RESTORE? WHAT IS BROKEN?

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A family chosen, loved, special treasure



Genesis 17:7 ... an everlasting covenant with Abraham - and his descendants: Isaac, Jacob... the 12 tribes. Deuteronomy 7:6-8 "For you are a holy people... the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt."



A family redeemed out of Egypt

Deuteronomy 16:1 "Celebrate the Passover of the Lord your God because in the month of Abib he brought you out of Egypt by night...: 3 Do not eat bread made with yeast, but for 7 days eat unleavened bread because you left Egypt in haste... do this so that all the days of your life you may REMEMBER the time of your departure from Egypt.

A family married to their God A family under one King, one God

Jeremiah 31:32 "It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might..."



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A family who rejected their husband, King and God

Jeremiah 3: 20 "But like a woman unfaithful to her husband, so you, Israel, have been unfaithful to me," declares the LORD.

I Samuel 8:7 ... God said to Samuel, "It is not you, they have rejected as their king, but me."

delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the power of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you.' "But you have today rejected your God, who delivers you from all your calamities and your distresses; yet you have said, 'No, but set a king over us!'"

A family fractured and torn apart

Il Chronicles 13:4-5 "Then Abijah stood on Mount Zemaraim... and said, "Listen to me, Jeroboam and all Israel: Don't you know that the LORD, the God of Israel, has given the kingship of Israel to David and his descendants forever by a covenant of salt?"

Kings 12:24 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin and to the rest of the people, saying, This is what the LORD says: Do not go up to fight against your brothers, the Israelites. Go home, every one of you, for this is my doing."



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To your tents, O Israel! Now, see to your own house, O David!'



A family comprised of two houses of people

The House of Israel, leader is Ephraim recipient of the firstborn birthright blessings: I Chronicles 5:2

The House of Judah, leader is Judah recipient of the firstborn royal sceptre: Genesis 49:10

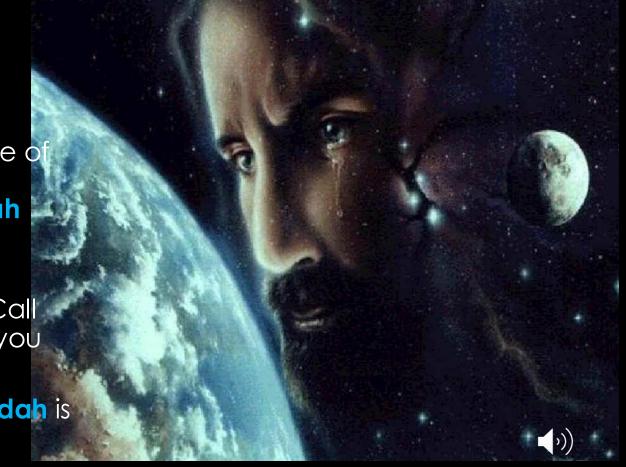
A family who slipped away from their roots, their calling, their God

One divorced, the other separated

Jeremiah 3:8 "I gave faithless Israel her certificate of divorce and sent her away because of all her adulteries. Yet I saw that her unfaithful sister Judah had no fear; she also went out and committed adultery."

Hosea 1:9 To the house of Israel, the Lord said, "Call him Lo-Ammi which means "not my people", for you are not my people, and I am not your God."

Ezekiel 9:9 "The sin of the people of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great..."



WHO ARE THESE FAITHLESS AND UNFAITHFUL PEOPLE... TODAY?

House of Israel: Faithless

- Divorced Jeremiah 3:8
- Stripped of the name "Israel" called Lo-Ammi ("Not my people") Hosea 1:9
- Taken captive, cast out of their land, 721 B.C. II Kings 17:6
- Judged, scattered, dispersed Ezekiel 36:19
- Forgot their mother tongue (Hebrew),
 God speaks to them in their new language Isaiah 28:11
- A numerous people, alive and well Genesis 15:5, Deut. 33:17, Genesis 49:22
- Never forgotten, never hidden from God Jeremiah 16:17

- Do not go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans; but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel and as you go, preach saying, 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Matthew 10:5-6
- These people will be vindicated and be identified under a NEW name Isaiah 62:2;
 His servants too under a NEW name Isaiah 65:15
- Disciples called by a NEW name: Christians
 Acts 11:26 Those who followed the Disciples took
 the gospel to the whole world.
- No longer called "Lo-Ammi", these Christians will be called, "Sons of the Living God" Hosea 1:10

WHO ARE THESE FAITHLESS AND UNFAITHFUL PEOPLE... TODAY?

House of Judah

- Unfaithful
- Separated
- Kept their name (Judah, Jews)
- Kept their mother tongue (Hebrew)
- Follow the Torah
- Rejected Yeshua/Christ as their Messiah
- Followers of the Law, they will reach out and accept Grace

John 5:38 and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent...:40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life...:43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me.

Zech 12:10-11 "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

THE PROMISE OF A RESTORED KINGDOM

So much is broken, so much lies in ruin, so much to be restored!

Yet, out of many, so many years of darkness, hope prevails for **BOTH** houses!

- They shall walk after the Lord: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west. Hosea 11:10
- I will make a **new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.** Jer. 31:31
- I am going to take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them into their own land. And I will make them **one nation** in the land upon the mountains of Israel... shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all... I will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. Ezekiel 37:21-23
- In those days the **people of Judah** will join the **people of Israel**, and **together** they will come from a northern land to the land I gave your ancestors as an inheritance. Jer. 3:18
- The people of Judah and the people of Israel will come together... Hos. 1:11



THE PROMISE OF A RESTORED KINGDOM



REUNITED: ONE KINGDOM, ONE KING FOREVER

"Son of man, take a stick of wood and write on it, 'Belonging to Judah and the Israelites associated with him.' Then take another stick of wood, and write on it, 'Belonging to Joseph (that is, to Ephraim) and all the Israelites associated with him.'

- ... Join them together into **one stick** so that they will become one in your hand.
- ...I will take the **Israelites** out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land.
- ... There will be **one king over all** of them and **they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms**.
- ... I will save them from all their sinful backsliding, and I will cleanse them. They will be my people, and I will be their God. Ezekiel 37:16-23

TWO HOUSES REUNITE AS ONE... FOREVER



House of Israel

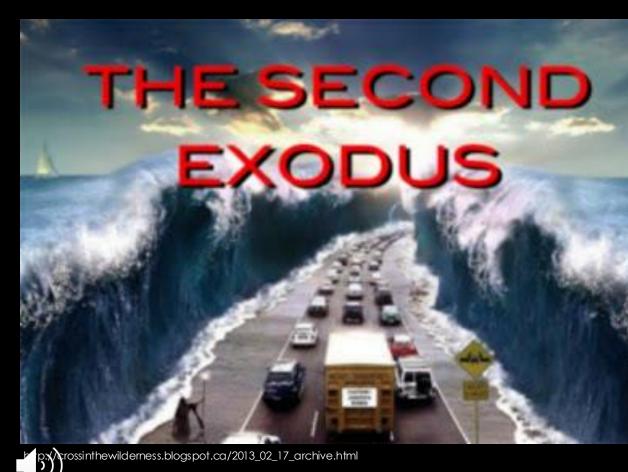
"The Joes"

- The BIRTHRIGHT recipients of a great multitude of people and resources, pushed to the ends of the earth, living in the rich areas of the world
- Embracers of GRACE

A united kingdom where LAW and GRACE are tightly intertwined into ONE forever.

"..You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation..." I Peter 2:9
"You will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words
you are to speak to the Israelites." Exodus 19:6

SECOND EXODUS... GOING HOME!



The days are coming when men will no longer say, 'As surely as the Lord lives, who brought the Israelites up out of Egypt, but they will say, 'As surely as the Lord lives, who brought the Israelites up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them.' For I will restore them in the land I gave their forefathers. Jeremiah 16:14-15

A GREAT REVIVAL IS ON THE HORIZON

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. I Peter 2:10

I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph. I will bring them back, because I have mercy on them. They shall be as though I have not cast them aside; For I am the Lord their God, and I will hear them. Zechariah 10:6



A GREAT REVIVAL IS ON THE HORIZON



Joel 2:29-32

"And it shall come to pass afterward

That I will **pour out My Spirit on all flesh**;

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

Your **old men** shall dream **dreams**,

Your **young men** shall see **visions**.

And also on My menservants and on My maidservants

I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

"And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth:

Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness,

And the moon into blood,

Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.

And it shall come to pass

That whoever calls on the name of the Lord

Shall be saved.

For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance,

As the Lord has said,

Among the remnant whom the Lord calls.

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O HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH: AWAKEN AND EMBRACE YOUR CALLING

Genesis 12:3 "I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in YOU all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

O House of Israel take up the calling given to you so that all peoples on earth can be blessed.

HUMBLY GRATEFUL

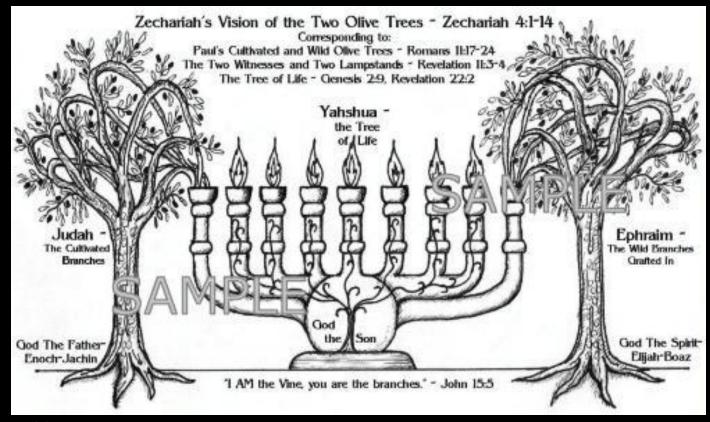
Micah 2:12

I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob;
I will gather the remnant of Israel;
I will set them together
like sheep in a fold,
like a flock in its pasture,

a noisy multitude of men.

He who opens the breach goes up before them; they break through and pass the gate, going out by it.

Their king passes on before them, the Lord at their head.





Their story...





Their story is our history. Let our story today and in the future reflect a changed people: loyal, faithful, and in love with our Lord