

A bright sun is positioned in the center of the image, surrounded by a multi-colored rainbow halo. The background is a clear blue sky with soft, wispy white clouds. The word "chosen" is written in a gold, serif font across the middle of the image, partially overlapping the sun and the rainbow.

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**I**magine if you could discover "a key" to uncovering a greater understanding in the Holy Bible—to then be able to better interpret and comprehend what often appear as confusing prophecies and Scriptures in both books of the Old Testament and the New Testament.

The truth is that God already gave all the clues we need. If we will just look at the pieces to the larger puzzle, we might have a better understanding of what most of the Holy Bible means.

Without understanding the key players in the Holy Bible, and keeping our focus on a Biblical Context, it is impossible to comprehend what is in the Word of God.

Of course, even understanding the main characters, does not necessarily mean that will give the whole picture, but understanding who God made the Holy Bible for, will let you understand much more than you otherwise would.

The first thing one needs to understand is that while all of the Holy Bible, its history, its prophecy, and its testimony relate to **Jesus the Christ**, much of the Holy Bible is about one people whom God chose and blessed above all others on the earth, and how God will use this people to bless the earth and save many of its inhabitants from destruction. It is a story of Salvation brought about using a people named **Israel**. This is a study about Israel, God's chosen people.

Before you begin, let me share a hidden concept about the Holy Bible.

Did you know the Holy Bible is essentially broken into to *two hidden books*?

**The first book** begins from the beginning with God in Genesis 1:1, and then ends with the beginning when man first will begin to rule with God, that is the very time that God changed a man named Jacob to **Israel**—one who rules with God.

Genesis 32:28 (KJV)

And he said, **Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.**

**The second book** begins at the same place (Genesis 32:28), and completes with the final ending (Revelation 22:20) with GOD having won the victory and having redeemed and saved His people, the offspring of Israel, from destruction.

Revelation 22:20-21 (KJV)

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. [21] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

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The entire Holy Bible is this Prophecy of God's creation, plan, over all interaction with mankind and how He will save it from its own otherwise pending demise.

To understand this story and plan, one needs to follow the cast of characters in the Holy Bible to see where they lead to.

Before you begin, a brief note regarding the use of the Holy name of God throughout the scriptures you will read.

[Note: The original Hebrew text had the four Hebrew letters of God's written Holy name thousands of times in the ancient Hebrew Scrolls. In this study the four Hebrew letters of God's written Holy name is transliterated in the English tongue as "YHWH" or some might use "YHVH" a modern English version of the older English form JHWH or JHVH [pronounced possibly Yah-weh or Yah-veh.

It is the author's personal preference in using the sacred name of YHWH or shorter YAH in place of the English words "the LORD". It is the author's firm belief, that the use of the holy and sacred name of God deserves more understanding and is used only to Glorify our LORD and the Holy One of Israel.]

The Holy Bible begins with God's creation of the earth and Adam and his helpmate Eve, and tells of the story of the Garden of Eden where life was once simple and there was then a perfect order; that is until the serpent or Satan, or Lucifer— a fallen archangel of God's early creation — rebelled and fell into sin and then sin entered into the picture.

Man, soon fell from Sin, and God's perfect plan was now in disarray, and man was destined to suffer the consequences for sin; that being the transgression of God's law leading to death. So man fell from grace with God and entered into a world of Sin, to conceive all his seed under the law of sin.

Adam and Eve were now sent out of the Garden of Eden by God and they in turn had children born under sin.

It's in this setting we have not only the curse of sin upon man, but future promise to be fulfilled—in a prophecy unfolding of God's awesome plan to redeem mankind.

Genesis 3:14-15 (KJV)

And YHWH God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: [15] And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Now it was the offspring of the first man and woman Adam, that ultimately populated the earth in beginning times. The Holy Bible states that God was not well pleased with all

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mankind and His creation, but fortunately He found favor in Noah and spared Noah and his family of seven in a wooden ark (large boat)— whom all were also of same lineage of Adam.

Genesis 6:12-13 (KJV)

And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. [13] And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

God brought a world destructive flood and destroyed all else living on the earth, except that given to survive with Noah and his seven family members.

Genesis 7:13-23 (KJV)

In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; [14] They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort. [15] And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. [16] And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and YHWH shut him in. [17] And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. [18] And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. [19] And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. [20] Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. [21] And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: [22] All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. [23] And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

Noah's three sons soon become the new hope for mankind, as these three sons each would multiply and become a multitude of diverse peoples.

Genesis 9:1 (KJV)

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

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Genesis 9:18-19 (KJV)

And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan. [19] These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

One of Noah's three sons was named Japheth. He became the father of the Gentiles (the nations) or those inhabitants populating what is believed to be the region of modern Europe, Russia, and lower Eurasia.

Genesis 10:1-5 (KJV)

Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood. [2] The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. [3] And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. [4] And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. [5] By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

The next son of Noah was that of Ham, and he became the father all the peoples who populated a region from north African continent south-eastward.

Genesis 10:6-7 (KJV)

And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan. [7] And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtechah: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

Genesis 10:15-20 (KJV)

And Canaan begat Sidon his firstborn, and Heth, [16] And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgasite, [17] And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, [18] And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad. [19] And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha. [20] These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.

Noah's third son was Shem, he became the father of all peoples who populated most of the region of what is today is termed the Middle East, reaching over but stopping at Asia, just below the Euphrates River.

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Genesis 10:21-32 (KJV)

Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were children born. [22] The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram. [23] And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash. [24] And Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah begat Eber. [25] And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. [26] And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, [27] And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, [28] And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba, [29] And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these were the sons of Joktan. [30] And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar a mount of the east. [31] These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations. [32] These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

It was the line of Shem that God blessed, and it is through this line we have the Hebrew people, coming out of Mesopotamia, or from the ancient city of UR of the Chaldees.

Genesis 9:20-27 (KJV)

[20] And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: [21] And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. [22] And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. [23] And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. [24] And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. [25] And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. [26] And he said, Blessed be YHWH God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. [27] God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

One of those of lineage of Shem was Abram, who was from UR of the Chaldees.

Genesis 11:10-29 (KJV)

These are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood: [11] And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters. [12] And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah: [13] And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters. [14] And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber: [15] And Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters. [16] And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg: [17] And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

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[18] And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu: [19] And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters. [20] And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug: [21] And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters. [22] And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor: [23] And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters. [24] And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah: [25] And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters. [26] And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

[27] Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot. [28] And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees. [29] And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.

Later in the Holy Bible you learn Abram was identified also as a **Hebrew**.

Genesis 14:13 (KJV)

And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram.

God found favor with Abram and later changed his name to **Abraham**. God then promised Abraham to make him a father of many nations, and that his seed would multiply over the earth as the dust of the earth. God also promised that Abraham's seed would have a special land that God gave to Abraham.

Genesis 17:1-8 (KJV)

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, YHWH appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. [2] And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. [3] And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, [4] As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. [5] Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. [6] And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. [7] And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. [8] And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

Abraham was also promised a son. He eventually had two sons. The first born was named Ishmael. Ishmael was his first born son by his wife's Egyptian slave Hagar, because

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Sarah, Abraham's wife, was barren. But God required Abraham to have a holy righteous seed (not that of a bond woman or slave), so while he blessed Ishmael (believed to be the father of the Arab race today), the promise and God's covenant was only given to Abraham's second son, Isaac— as the Scripture state "in Isaac your seed shall be called."

Genesis 17:15-22 (KJV)

And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. [16] And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her. [17] Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? [18] And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! [19] And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. [20] 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. [21] But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year. [22] And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

Genesis 21:12-13 (KJV)

And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. [13] And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed.

Abraham did have second son Isaac, whom God used to test Abraham's faith and love. Having passed the test, Abraham received the blessing which went on to Isaac, his seed, and his seed's seed after.

Genesis 22:9-14 (KJV)

And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. [10] And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. [11] And the angel of YHWH called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. [12] And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. [13] And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. [14] And Abraham called the name of that place YHWH-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of YHWH it shall be seen.

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Genesis 22:15-18 (KJV)

And the angel of YHWH called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, [16] And said, By myself have I sworn, saith YHWH, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: [17] 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; [18] And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Isaac had two sons born to him, but again, God only had a plan for one to be the promised and blessed seed (not both), so Esau was not destined to have the blessing but it was eventually to go to Jacob.

Genesis 25:20-27 (KJV)

And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian. [21] And Isaac intreated YHWH for his wife, because she was barren: and YHWH was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. [22] And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of YHWH. [23] And YHWH said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

[24] And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. [25] And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. [26] And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them. [27] And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

Notice that we have a clue in this Holy Bible passage regarding Jacob's blood parents—Isaac and Rebekah. Rebekah, the flesh and blood mother of Jacob, is a Syrian.

"And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian."

Much like his father, and Isaac before him, Jacob was ordered, not to take a wife of the Canaanite peoples, but only of his own lineage or kinsmen.

Genesis 28:1-9 (KJV)

And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. [2] Arise, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of

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Laban thy mother's brother. [3] And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people; [4] And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham. [5] And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padan-aram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother. [6] When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan; [7] And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram; [8] And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father; [9] Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

Jacob and Esau are told not to take a daughter of the Canaanites for a wife.

The lineage of Ham = the Canaanites

So, we can see that Jacob was to take a daughter of a Syrian (or Aramite), and thus a Hebrew.

Shem of the line of Hebrews

Jacob was to find a Syrian wife

We see that his brother Esau marries into one of Ishmael's daughters

Ishmael is the first son born of Abraham, a Hebrew of Shem, and Hagar was a servant of Egyptian blood

Abraham + Hagar the Egyptian = Ishmael

Unlike Esau, Jacob will marry into his own lineage and take one of Laban's Syrian daughters to be his wife.

Genesis 29:1-14 (KJV)

Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east. [2] And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone was upon the well's mouth. [3] And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place. [4] And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence be ye? And they said, Of Haran are we. [5] And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him. [6] And he said unto them, Is he well? And they said, He is well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep. [7] And he said, Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go

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and feed them. [8] And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and till they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep. [9] And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep: for she kept them. [10] And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. [11] And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept. [12] And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father. [13] And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things. [14] And Laban said to him, Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.

Jacob finds Laban's daughter, Rachel, to be his wife.

Jacob + (Syrian and Hebrew) wife Rachel

What happens next?

Genesis 29:15-22 (KJV)

And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what shall thy wages be? [16] And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. [17] Leah was tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured. [18] And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter. [19] And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me. [20] And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her. [21] And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her. [22] And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

Jacob waits and served seven years under Laban for Rachel to be his wife, however the Holy Bible records that something rather unexpected happens to Jacob which complicates the story.

Genesis 29:21-30 (KJV)

And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her. [22] And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. [23] And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her. [24] And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an handmaid. [25] And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me? [26] And Laban said, It must not be so

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done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. [27] Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years. [28] And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also. [29] And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid. [30] And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

Jacob now has two wives!

Jacob marries both Rachel and Leah.

The story doesn't end there; it's just about to begin to get all the more interesting.

Genesis 29:30-35 (KJV)

And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

[31] And when YHWH saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. [32] And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely YHWH hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me. [33] And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because YHWH hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon. [34] And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi. [35] And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise YHWH: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.

So, we can see here that Leah, not Rachel, conceived with child and gave birth over a period of time to four children — Rueben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah

Jacob + Leah = 4 Children

**Reuben**

**Levi**

**Simeon**

**Judah**

Please read on, as you are about to find out why **Israel** is quite genetically diverse.

Genesis 30:1-3 (KJV)

And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die. [2] And Jacob's anger was kindled against

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Rachel: and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb? [3] And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees that I may also have children by her.

It appears we have a brief family argument taking place involving envy and jealousy which has troubled the house of Jacob. Hold a minute! Who is this Billah?

Genesis 29:29 (KJV)

And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid.

The Hebrew word for "handmaid" is shiphchah.

shiphchah, Hebrew 8198, Strong's

shiphchah, shif-khaw'; feminine from an unused root meaning to spread out (as a family; see Hebrew 4940 (mishpachah)); a female slave (as a member of the household) :- (bond-, hand-) maid (-en, -servant), wench, bondwoman, womanservant.

mishpachah, Hebrew 4940, Strong's

mishpachah, mish-paw-khaw'; from Hebrew 8192 (shaphah) [compare Hebrew 8198 (shiphchah)]; a family, i.e. circle of relatives; figurative a class (of persons), a species (of animals) or sort (of things); by extens. a tribe or people :- family, kind (-red).

Bilhah the handmaid was of the distant family, a part of the Syrian tribe.

Realize, that Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid, is also of a new genetic makeup.

Continuing on we learn about who were Bilhah's children born to Jacob.

Genesis 30:1-8 (KJV)

And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die. [2] And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb? [3] And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees that I may also have children by her. [4] And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her. [5] And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son. [6] And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan. [7] And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son. [8] And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali.

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OK, so let's put this into a perspective.

Jacob + Bilhah = two children

The mother, Bilhah, out of whom comes two children born to Jacob—Dan and Naphatali

**Dan**

**Naphatali**

Is that the end of the story? Not quite, there are still more children to come.

Read on and find out what happened next?

Genesis 30:9-13 (KJV)

When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife. [10] And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a son. [11] And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gad. [12] And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a second son. [13] And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Asher.

Jacob is now the husband of four women, two of whom are his wife's hand maidens.

Rachel, Leah, Bilhah, and Zilpah

Look at this Zilpah, Leah's maid will give Jacob two more sons: Gad and Asher.

Zilpah's genetic makeup will still be more diverse than Leah, Rachel, or Bilhah.

**Gad**

**Asher**

Continuing on, we have still more children to come.

Genesis 30:14-24 (KJV)

And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes. [15] And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes. [16] And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that

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night. [17] And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son. [18] And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar. [19] And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son. [20] And Leah said, God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun. [21] And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah. [22] And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. [23] And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach: [24] And she called his name Joseph; and said, YHWH shall add to me another son.

Jacob + Leah = two more children

## **Issachar**

## **Zebulun**

So, Leah the mother of Rueben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, now has Issachar, and Zebulun.

Leah now has six sons with Jacob.

Rachel finally has a son, his name is Joseph

Genesis 30:22-24 (KJV)

[22] And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. [23] And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach: [24] And she called his name Joseph; and said, YHWH shall add to me another son

## **Joseph**

Joseph is the first born of Rachel, whom you will recall is actually according to God and His Law of righteousness, this was Jacob's very first love and would have been, in any other circumstances, his first wife— were it not that Laban who deceitfully made sure the Law according to Syrian customs was to be followed to the letter not allowing his youngest daughter to be married first.

## **Recap**

Jacob receives sons with

1. Rachel – Jacob's wife
2. Bilhah -- Rachel's handmaid
3. Leah – Jacob's wife
4. Zilpah –Leah's handmaid



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Each of these give birth to children

Rachel -- Joseph

Bilhah —Dan and Naphatali

Leah -- Rueben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulon

Zilpah -- Gad and Asher

There are now eleven children born to Jacob at this point, but YHWH has one more of whom Rachel will bear on her death bed.

Before we get there, we must cover an important change that takes place upon Jacob.

It's here in the Bible that Jacob's name is changed to **Israel**.

Genesis 32:22-32 (KJV)

And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok. [23] And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had. [24] And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. [25] And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. [26] And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. [27] And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. [28] And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. [29] And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. [30] And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. [31] And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh. [32] Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

**This point in Scripture marks the end of the first of 2 hidden books of the entire Holy Bible and the beginning of second book** which comprises the rest of the 66 books of the Holy Bible, both the old and new covenants.

For it is in Jacob (Israel) that God had His plan to bring back and restore what was wronged in the Garden of Eden. God will raise up 'a savior,' and an 'anointed one' who in Israel, in Jacob's seed, will reign over all the 12 tribes of Israel as well as over all of

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heaven and earth and restore God's order of peace and righteousness to His dominion and everlasting Kingdom.

You will eventually find out and discover what is the importance of knowing who is Israel in the Holy Bible.

Knowing all this information will allow you to better understand the Holy Bible as well as your place in God's awesome plans.

Thus, Jacob's children are known hence forth in the Holy Bible as the **children of Israel**

Jacob, or now **Israel**, is going to have one last son born to him.

This child will be the first son born to a man now named Israel. Of course, his eleven former children will hence forth be known as the children or sons of Israel.

Read about Rachel's second child.

Genesis 35:16-20 (KJV)

And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour. [17] And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also. [18] And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Ben-oni: but his father called him Benjamin. [19] And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem. [20] And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

Now note this is Rachel's second son and Israel's last son. His name is Benjamin.

Jacob/ISRAEL + Rachel = **Benjamin**

One more recap

Rachel — Joseph and Benjamin

Bilhah — Dan and Naphtali

Leah — Rueben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulon

Zilpah — Gad and Asher

These are the 12 sons of Israel or Israelites who shall each in their own time become twelve tribes, thus we have **twelve tribes of Israel** or **Israelites**

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## **Israelites according to tribe**

1. The tribe of Rueben
2. The tribe of Simeon
3. The tribe of Levi
4. The tribe of Judah
5. The tribe of Dan
6. The tribe of Naphtali
7. The tribe of Gad
8. The tribe of Asher
9. The tribe of Issachar
10. The tribe of Zebulon
11. The tribe of Joseph
12. The tribe of Benjamin

This so far should be easy for anyone to comprehend. Yet in the complex world today in which we live, there appears to be a great amount of confusion. In fact, the majority of Christian denominations worldwide are, it would appear, very confused when it comes to the topic of **Israel**, or the children of Israel.

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It would seem that six letter word **I s r a e l** which God renamed upon Jacob, has caused and continues to cause enormous confusion.

A great deal of this confusion can be explained by the fact that Christians who read the Holy Bible today have simply confused a Biblical context for a modern context, and have chosen the modern context rather than the Biblical context. This will only confuse one's reading of the Holy Bible and thus lead one to gross misinterpretations of the Holy Scriptures.

To help clear up this confusion, one must first understand another word in the Holy Bible, that of the word **Judah**.

**Judah** is one of six children born Israel's wife of Leah. Judah will become, in time, a mass of people known as the tribe of Judah. Later, roughly a thousand years later in Biblical time, Judah shall be the name of the southern kingdom or the house of Judah. Judah is also the tribe from out of which Christ will arise.

Why is Judah important at this time? From Judah or the tribe of Judah we have the earliest known people known today in modern times as "the Jewish people."

Please understand that the Holy Bible does not speak in term of one's ethnic race, but in the Holy Bible, any people are derived from their NAME given to them at birth or associated to them from birth.

Hence Esau or Edom (meaning red) become the Edomites

Jacob became Israel, so his children are Israelites

Benjamin —tribe of Benjamites

Judah —tribe of Judah, men of Judah, (judahites)

Biblically speaking, it would be incorrect to use the word "Jewish" or "Jewish People" as these modern words are never found in Hebrew Old Testament, only the words "the Jews" appear in the Biblical narrative, roughly a thousand years later in Biblical time, only with the existence of the southern kingdom of Judah, or the house of Judah.

Understand that Judah is the ONLY son/tribe that could be ever considered "Jewish" in the modern sense at this time in the Bible, simply because it is named JUDAH

Understanding this, there were no "Jews" and could be no "Jewish peoples" prior to the birth of the tribe of JUDAH. In other words, Jacob or Israel was not Jewish, his child Judah was.

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The Bible narrative thus confirms the following picture

1. The tribe of Rueben
2. The tribe of Simeon
3. The tribe of Levi
4. The tribe of Judah (only tribe could be considered Jewish)
5. The tribe of Dan
6. The tribe of Naphtali
7. The tribe of Gad
8. The tribe of Asher
9. The tribe of Issachar
10. The tribe of Zebulon
11. The tribe of Joseph
12. The tribe of Benjamin

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Today the overwhelming majority of Christendom confusingly incorrectly believe that all of Israel looks like this

1. The tribe of Rueben ---the Jewish people
2. The tribe of Simeon---the Jewish people
3. The tribe of Levi ---the Jewish people
4. The tribe of Judah---the Jewish people
5. The tribe of Dan---the Jewish people
6. The tribe of Naphtali---the Jewish people
7. The tribe of Gad---the Jewish people
8. The tribe of Asher---the Jewish people
9. The tribe of Issachar---the Jewish people
10. The tribe of Zebulon---the Jewish people
11. The tribe of Joseph---the Jewish people
12. The tribe of Benjamin---the Jewish people

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This is simply confusion caused by applying a modern context and making an assumption Israel means the Jewish people.

The Bible clearly illustrates at this point in Israel's history

1. The tribe of Rueben ---Israelites
2. The tribe of Simeon---Israelites
3. The tribe of Levi ---Israelites
4. The tribe of Judah---Israelites
5. The tribe of Dan---Israelites
6. The tribe of Naphtali---Israelites
7. The tribe of Gad---Israelites
8. The tribe of Asher---Israelites
9. The tribe of Issachar---Israelites
10. The tribe of Zebulon---Israelites
11. The tribe of Joseph---Israelites
12. The tribe of Benjamin---Israelites



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Clearly eleven tribes are not, nor have they ever been, and never could be Biblically considered to be “Jewish.” Again, only the tribe of JUDAH could possibly be said to be Jewish.

If that was the end of the story, we’d have no problems today identifying Israel, biblically speaking, but it is only the beginning to understanding the mass of confusion today regarding Israel and the children of Israel.

One must continue to follow the Biblical history of the children of Israel. This book will cover only a portion of the full history as it is not important to the discussion to cover the entire story of Israel; that is what the Holy Bible is for. Instead, I will jump ahead in time to understand key Biblical concepts needed to further understand the rest of the Holy Bible. One of those key concepts is **the division** of the peoples of Israel into two separate houses.

Read the following Biblical passages and begin to understand this *key Biblical concept*.

Racing ahead in Israel’s historical time, we arrive at a point in Israel’s history where the Holy Bible records that God takes away the full or united twelve tribe Israelite kingdom from King David ‘s son Solomon for his sins against YHWH.

1 Kings 11:1-13 (KJV)

But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; [2] Of the nations concerning which YHWH said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. [3] And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. [4] For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with YHWH his God, as was the heart of David his father. [5] For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. [6] And Solomon did evil in the sight of YHWH, and went not fully after YHWH, as did David his father. [7] Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. [8] And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. [9] And YHWH was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from YHWH God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, [10] And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which YHWH commanded. [11] Wherefore YHWH said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. [12] Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it

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out of the hand of thy son. [13] Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

Only one tribe will YHWH give to remain under King Solomon's son's rule.

King Solomon's son was given only the tribe of Judah to reign over.

God chooses a new king to rule of the ten remaining tribes, of the twelve tribes of Israel. According to the judgment of God, Jeroboam was to be anointed king of over ten tribes of Israel.

1 Kings 11:26-35 (KJV)

And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman, even he lifted up his hand against the king. [27] And this was the cause that he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breaches of the city of David his father. [28] And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph. [29] And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field: [30] And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces: [31] And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith YHWH, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee: [32] (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:) [33] Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father. [34] Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes: [35] But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes.

Solomon's son angered all of Israel by his unwise response to a complaint by Jeroboam and the other tribes of Israel, thus Israel was soon divided against Rehoboam.

1 Kings 12:1-20 (KJV)

And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king. [2] And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of it, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;) [3] That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and

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spake unto Rehoboam, saying, [4] Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee. [5] And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed. [6] And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people? [7] And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever. [8] But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him: [9] And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter? [10] And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins. [11] And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. [12] So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day. [13] And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him; [14] And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. [15] Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the Lord, that he might perform his saying, which the Lord spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat. [16] So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents. [17] But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. [18] Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. [19] So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day. [20] And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

One house was **the house of Israel**--ten tribes--the northern kingdom of Israel --ruled by Jeroboam

[18] Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram that was over the tribute; and the **children of Israel** stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. [19] **And Israel** rebelled against the **house of David** unto this day.

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The other is the **house of Judah** –two tribes–House of David, the southern kingdom—ruled by Rehoboam

The tribes of Judah and Benjamin split away from the other tribes of Israel forming **the house of Judah**.

Benjamin joins Judah = House of Judah/David = "the Jews"

Note the first use of the words “the Jews” found later in time in the Old Testament book of Second Kings.

2 Kings 16:5-6 (KJV)

Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him. [6] At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drave **the Jews** from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day

Also note in these passages the king of Israel, came up to war against Jerusalem, or the house of Judah.

The ten other tribes form the **house of Israel**.

Hence forth Israel as a people is *divided*, and throughout the rest of the Bible *shall remain divided* until messiah comes, redeems and God gathers the children of Israel –both houses of Judah and Israel. Indeed, to this day the house of Israel and the house of Judah physically remain divided.

**Anyone who fails to comprehend this division will never be able to understand the Bible narrative, nor will they understand God’s overall plan involving both houses of the children of Israel.**

Today the Christian church which is confused has only concerned itself with one divided house of the full twelve tribes of Israel, *the house of Judah* or the Jews, believing the second house of Israel is *gone* from the pages of history. The Holy Bible states the direct opposite.

Jeremiah 31:31-37 (KJV)

Behold, the days come, saith YHWH, that I will make a new covenant with **the house of Israel**, and with **the house of Judah**: [32] Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of

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Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: [33] But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith YHWH, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. [34] And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know YHWH: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith YHWH; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. [35] Thus saith YHWH, 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; YHWH of hosts is his name: [36] If those ordinances depart from before me, saith YHWH, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. [37] Thus saith YHWH; 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 YHWH.

Take a moment to notice closely here are two distinctly different genetic lines of Israel's wives Rachel and Leah, that will now make up what is now the **house of Judah** and thus known in the Holy Bible as "the Jews".

Rachel -- **Benjamin**

Leah -- **Judah**

Now notice the diverse genetic makeup of **Israel**, or the **house of Israel**

Rachel -- **Joseph**

Bilhah —Dan and Naphtali

Leah -- Rueben, Simeon, Levi, Issachar, and Zebulon

Zilpah -- Gad and Asher

Before continuing in the biblical historical story of what will happen to the two houses of Israel, it is important to understand the unique genetic makeup of **Joseph**.

Joseph is perhaps most blessed of all the twelve tribes.

Many Christians who are confused simply have no idea how *important* Joseph is to Bible prophesy and the salvation of the remnant of Israel.

Joseph is the tribe which holds and receives **the BIRTHRIGHT of Israel**. Joseph is called "the Shepherd Stone of Israel (Jacob)." If this is so, then Joseph *will not disappear* or vanish away from history, rather Joseph, the head of the house of Israel exists and will play an *important* part in God's future plans.

Briefly look at the Biblical Prophecy of Joseph.

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Genesis 49:22-26 (KJV)

Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: [23] The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: [24] But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:) [25] Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: [26] The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

It's with Joseph that the genetic mix of Israel will get even more diverse.

You are now about to learn about the Biblical importance of the **BIRTHRIGHT** of Israel.

Genesis 35:19-26 (KJV)

And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem. [20] And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

[21] And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar. [22] And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve: [23] The sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun: [24] The sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin: [25] And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid; Dan, and Naphtali: [26] And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid; Gad, and Asher: these are the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in Padan-aram.

Look at all the problems of Jacob. Many I'm sure have read this, yet not too many understand its massive significance.

Reuben slept with his own father's concubine Bilhah.

So, what does this actually mean aside from committing an abomination?

Reuben was **the first born** of the children of Israel.

Note, genetically, Reuben comes from the same mother of Judah.

Reuben being the first born of the twelve thus received the birthright—but Reuben's abominable actions cause him to lose that birthright.

1 Chron. 5:1-2 (KJV)

Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of

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Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright. [2] For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's:)

Do you realize what has happened?

Do you realize what God has done here recorded in the Old Testament?

Reuben was born of Leah.

**BEHOLD! THE BIRTHRIGHT OF LEAH'S CHILD RUEBEN .... HAS JUST BEEN PASSED TO A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT GENETIC MOTHER'S LINE!**

Joseph, the first born of Rachel, now holds the Birthright!

1 Chron. 5:1-2 (KJV)

Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright. [2] For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's:)

**THE BIRTHRIGHT OF LEAH'S CHILD HAS JUST PASSED TO RACHEL's CHILD!!**

Now you are going to learn about the amazing overlooked prodigy of Joseph, the tribe of the shepherd stone holder and the tribe of Israel which holds The BIRTHRIGHT of Israel.

Genesis 48:1 (KJV)

And it came to pass after these things, that one told Joseph, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

It says here in Genesis 48:1, Joseph has two sons.

The story of Joseph is perhaps the most overlooked read beautiful story in the Bible of the Old Testament books. It concerns how Joseph rose in stature and blessing, and how he saves Israel. The story of Joseph is also key to explain to how Israel, the twelve tribes, ended up in the land of Egypt.

To understand what happened, you need to read the story of Joseph. I will not cover in this study every detail as to what happened, only a few key parts pertinent to this study.

The story begins where Joseph has a series of dreams in which he was exalted above all his brethren, including his father and mother, as recorded by the words of Israel (Jacob)



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Genesis 37:1-11 (KJV)

And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. [2] These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report. [3] Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours. [4] And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him. [5] And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. [6] And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: [7] For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. [8] And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. [9] And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. [10] And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? [11] And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

What happened to Joseph?

Joseph was plotted against by his own eleven brothers.

Genesis 37:12-28 (KJV)

And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. [13] And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I. [14] And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. [15] And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou? [16] And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks. [17] And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan. [18] And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him. [19] And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. [20] Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams. [21] And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him. [22] And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him

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out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again. [23] And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him; [24] And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it. [25] And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. [26] And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? [27] Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content. [28] Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

Genesis 37:29-36 (KJV)

And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes. [30] And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go? [31] And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood; [32] And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no. [33] And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces. [34] And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. [35] And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him. [36] And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

Joseph is assumed dead by his father, and Joseph is taken by the Midianites and sold unto a member of Pharaoh's house.

Fast forward, and moving ahead in time, Israel is now in Egypt and is about to meet Joseph's children

Genesis 45:25-46:27 (KJV)

And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father, [26] And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not. [27] And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived: [28] And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die. [46:1] And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac. [2] And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I. [3] And he said, I am God, the God of thy

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father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: [4] I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes. [5] And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. [6] And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him: [7] His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt. [8] And these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn. [9] And the sons of Reuben; Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi. [10] And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman. [11] And the sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. [12] And the sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zarah: but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Pharez were Hezron and Hamul. [13] And the sons of Issachar; Tola, and Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron. [14] And the sons of Zebulun; Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel. [15] These be the sons of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob in Padan-aram, with his daughter Dinah: all the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty and three. [16] And the sons of Gad; Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli. [17] And the sons of Asher; Jimnah, and Ishuah, and Isui, and Beriah, and Serah their sister: and the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel. [18] These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these she bare unto Jacob, even sixteen souls. [19] The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife; Joseph, and Benjamin. [20] And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bare unto him. [21] And the sons of Benjamin were Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard. [22] These are the sons of Rachel, which were born to Jacob: all the souls were fourteen. [23] And the sons of Dan; Hushim. [24] And the sons of Naphtali; Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem. [25] These are the sons of Bilhah, which Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and she bare these unto Jacob: all the souls were seven. [26] All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were threescore and six; [27] And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, were two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten.

The Word of GOD states: "And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bare unto him. "

Do you understand what was just recorded in the Word of YHWH?

Joseph + Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On = two Children

In the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bare unto him.

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A double portion for Joseph

Ezekiel 47:13 (KJV)

Thus saith the Lord GOD; This shall be the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph shall have two portions.

**Ephraim**

**Manasseh**

These two children come from *Egyptian Priestly blood*.

The ethnic makeup of the sons of Joseph now includes Egyptian holy blood.

Ephraim and Manasseh make up of two Israelite tribes of the tribe of Joseph, in time to become two huge masses of peoples who are related to Egyptian bloodlines.

Genesis 48:1-4 (KJV)

And it came to pass after these things, that one told Joseph, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. [2] And one told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed. [3] And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, [4] And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession.

As stated before, **the birthright** belongs to Joseph.

Genesis 48:5-9 (KJV)

And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine. [6] And thy issue, which thou begetteth after them, shall be thine, and shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance. [7] And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; the same is Bethlehem. [8] And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who are these? [9] And Joseph said unto his father, They are my sons, whom God hath given me in this place. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them.

Genesis 48:10-14 (KJV)

Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them. [11] And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath shewed me also thy seed. [12] And

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Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. [13] And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him. [14] And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn.

Did you perceive what just took place?

Joseph knows the law of the Birthright, But YHWH Almighty God makes yet another change as He, the Holy Ghost, directs Israel's hands onto the head of the Birthright holder, a Hebrew and an Egyptian, about to become into the inheritance of Israel as an Israelite.

Ephraim now holds the BIRTHRIGHT of Israel. Ephraim, the head of Israel, will always hold the birthright.

The birthright shall not be taken away nor can it be passed, even to the house of Judah.

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**N**ow that you have seen the importance of the birthright, it would be good time to look at the prophetic forecast by Israel, himself, of things expected to come to pass which is illustrated in the following Scripture account. Israel (Jacob) has gathered his twelve sons together to tell them what "shall befall" them in the "last days."

Genesis 49:1-2 (KJV)

And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days. [2] Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

Reuben

Genesis 49:3-4 (KJV)

Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power: [4] Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.

Simeon and Levi

Genesis 49:5-7 (KJV)

Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. [6] O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall. [7] Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

Judah

Genesis 49:8-12 (KJV)

Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. [9] Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? [10] **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. [11] Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: [12] His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

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Zebulun

Genesis 49:13 (KJV)

Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon.

Issachar

Genesis 49:14-15 (KJV)

Issachar is a strong ass couching down between two burdens: [15] And he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute.

Dan

Genesis 49:16-18 (KJV)

Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. [17] Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward. [18] I have waited for thy salvation, O YHWH.

Gad

Genesis 49:19 (KJV)

Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last.

Asher

Genesis 49:20 (KJV)

Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

Naphtali

Genesis 49:21 (KJV)

Naphtali is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.

Joseph

Genesis 49:22-26 (KJV)

Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: [23] The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: [24] But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:) [25] Even by



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the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: [26] The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

Benjamin

Genesis 49:27 (KJV)

Benjamin shall ravin as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.

These are the blessings of the 12 tribes of Jacob (Israel)

Genesis 49:28 (KJV)

All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

In the Blessing of Judah one can see the mention of **the Sceptre**, this is the tribe who will reign as kings and carry the scepter forever. The scriptures state that the **sceptre shall not depart from Judah**. Therefore, it is important to briefly examine the next Bible story which deals solely with Judah.

Genesis 49:8-12 (KJV)

Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. [9] Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? [10] 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. [11] Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: [12] His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

This portion of the Bible tells about Judah and his descendants, and how Judah did evil before YHWH and Judah's children did as well. Judah took a wife of the Canaanites and had a few children that did not live long.

Genesis 38:1-11 (KJV)

And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. [2] And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name was Shuah; and he took her, and went in unto her. [3] And she conceived, and bare a son; and he called his name Er. [4] And she conceived again,

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and bare a son; and she called his name Onan. [5] And she yet again conceived, and bare a son; and called his name Shelah: and he was at Chezib, when she bare him. [6] And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name was Tamar. [7] And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of YHWH; and YHWH slew him. [8] And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother. [9] And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother. [10] And the thing which he did displeased YHWH: wherefore he slew him also. [11] Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren did. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house.

After Judah's Canaanite wife dies, Judah pursues a harlot. However, the woman Judah thinks is an ordinary harlot, is actually his own daughter-in law disguised and deceitfully tricks him into sleeping with her in order to bear a son.

Genesis 38:12-23 (KJV)

And in process of time the daughter of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. [13] And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold thy father in law goeth up to Timnath to shear his sheep. [14] And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife. [15] When Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot; because she had covered her face. [16] And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his daughter in law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me? [17] And he said, I will send thee a kid from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it? [18] And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him. [19] And she arose, and went away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood. [20] And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not. [21] Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was openly by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot in this place. [22] And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, that there was no harlot in this place. [23] And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her.

The result of this harlotry by Judah with his daughter in-law Tamar, are two twin children of Judah.

Genesis 38:24-30 (KJV)

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And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt. [25] When she was brought forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff. [26] And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more.

[27] And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were in her womb. [28] And it came to pass, when she travailed, that the one put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first, [29] And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: therefore his name was called Pharez. [30] And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zarah.

These two children are often over looked, but in fact they form two extremely important royal lines of the tribe of Judah one, the line of Pharaz; the other, the line of Zarah.

The Two Branches of JUDAH

**Pharaz** this is the line Israel's Savior will arise from.

Pharaz, is the more dominant line of Judah mentioned in most of the Bible (The exalted branch of Judah)

**Zarah** of the "scarlet thread"

Zarah, is a lesser mentioned only few times in the Bible (The low branch of Judah)

Either of these two royal lines of Judah can rightfully rule with "the Sceptre"

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**U**p to this point in this study you have learned about the diverse lineage of Israel, the importance of the Birthright of Israel, and recognition of the division of Israel into two distinct houses. Now you will briefly learn the history of Israel and what two key major events took place regarding the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

It is important to outline some specific scriptures to explain where Israel comes from and what Israel is given, what Israel does, and ultimately what happens to the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.

The Biblical story of Israel is one where God, YHWH, chose Israel to be “a people” blessed above all other peoples. This magnification of Israel by God had nothing to do with Israel or any one specific character of the people, but rather whom the Israel people had descended from—Abraham the man whom God found great favor in and the man who YHWH had found great faith.

Deuteronomy 4:37-40 (KJV)

And because He loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt; [38] To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day. [39] Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that YHWH he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else. [40] Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which YHWH thy God giveth thee, for ever.

YHWH as He chose Israel’s forefathers also has chosen the people of Israel

Deuteronomy 7:1-11 (KJV)

When YHWH thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; [2] And when YHWH thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them: [3] Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. [4] For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of YHWH be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly. [5] But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut

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down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire. [6] For thou art an holy people unto YHWH thy God: YHWH thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. [7] YHWH did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: [8] But because YHWH loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath YHWH brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. [9] Know therefore that YHWH thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; [10] And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face. [11] Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

And God would make a covenant with the children of Israel (house of Jacob) because of former promises God made to Israel or Jacob's father Isaac and his father Abraham.

Exodus 19:1-6 (KJV)

In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. [2] For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. [3] And Moses went up unto God, and YHWH called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; [4] Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. [5] Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: [6] And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Leviticus 20:24 (KJV)

But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am YHWH your God, which have separated you from other people.

Leviticus 20:26 (KJV)

And ye shall be holy unto me: for I YHWH am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.

God made a promise and covenant to Abraham and His Seed that HE would be their God and that they would inherit a goodly land and be multiplied as the dust of earth that no man could number.

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Genesis 13:14-17 (KJV)

And YHWH 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: [15] For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. [16] 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. [17] Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

Psalm 105:42 (KJV)

YHWH remembered His holy promise, and Abraham His servant.

Genesis 17:1-8 (KJV)

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, YHWH appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. [2] And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. [3] And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, [4] As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. [5] Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. [6] And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. [7] And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. [8] And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

As read in the previous chapter Jacob and his children moved to Egypt thanks to Israel's son Joseph. In Egypt, Israel thrives as a people and become a mass of twelve tribes. Later the Egyptians will make life hard for the Israelites forcing them to labor as slaves living under the bondage of the Egyptians.

The Holy Bible records that God, through his servant Moses, a Levite (tribe of Levi), delivered the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage by His many miracles or plagues on Pharaoh. The most important of the plagues afflicting Pharaoh and his people was the Passover.

Exodus 12:21-28 (KJV)

Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. [22] And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. [23] For YHWH will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, YHWH will pass over

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the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you. [24] And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. [25] And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which YHWH will give you, according as He hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. [26] And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? [27] That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the YHWH's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. [28] And the children of Israel went away, and did as YHWH had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

It was on the night of the Passover that the children of Israel start their exodus and later God would deliver the children of Israel out of the hands of the Egyptians to salvation, passing the through the Red sea.

Exodus 14:13-18 (KJV)

And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of YHWH which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. [14] YHWH shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. [15] And YHWH said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: [16] But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. [17] And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. [18] And the Egyptians shall know that I am YHWH, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

After passing the through the Red sea the children of Israel come to wilderness of Sinai where GOD gave His Holy Law at Mount Sinai.

Exodus 19:1-6 (KJV)

In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. [2] For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. [3] And Moses went up unto God, and YHWH called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; [4] Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. [5] Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: [6] And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.



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The children of Israel had now been delivered and were given a law by God to serve and obey, but the children of Israel disobeyed and broke the law and God's commandments and statutes and made league with inhabitants of the other lands, eventually sinning greatly against God forsaking YHWH Their God.

Judges 2:1-5 (KJV)

And an angel of YHWH came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you. [2] And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? [3] Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. [4] And it came to pass, when the angel of YHWH spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. [5] And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto YHWH.

The Israelite peoples continual sinning against God and His law causes YHWH to exact Judgments and punishments on Israel.

As shown already Israel was divided into two houses; one house of Israel and one house of Judah. Now is the place in Israel history where the house of Israel through breaking God's chief law of the prohibition of Idolatry is to be cast away out of the region off the land of Israel.

YHWH accomplished His wrath upon the house of Israel by using the kingdom of *Assyria*.

This is the **first captivity of Israel**

**The house of Israel** was cast away during the time of **the Assyrian Captivity** (c 722 B.C.) where the ten tribes of Israel, the northern kingdom in Samaria were taken away, not to return to their land.

2nd Kings 17:6-23 (KJV)

In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. [7] For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against YHWH their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, [8] And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom YHWH cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. [9] And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against YHWH their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. [10] And they set them up images and



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groves in every high hill, and under every green tree: [11] And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom YHWH carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke YHWH to anger: [12] For they served idols, whereof the Lord had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing. [13] Yet YHWH testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. [14] Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in YHWH their God. [15] And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom YHWH had charged them, that they should not do like them. [16] And they left all the commandments of YHWH their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. [17] And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of YHWH, to provoke him to anger. [18] Therefore YHWH was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only. [19] Also Judah kept not the commandments of YHWH their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. [20] And YHWH rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. [21] For He rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drave Israel from following the Lord, and made them sin a great sin. [22] For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them; [23] Until YHWH removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

The ten tribes of the house of Israel was taken away, far away from the land they once lived upon, the land their own idolatry had defiled before God's eyes. They are now taken to the Gentiles, or the nations.

But God kept a remnant of the twelve tribes, YHWH kept *the remnant of the house of Judah*.

2nd Kings 19:30-31 (KJV)

And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. [31] For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of YHWH of hosts shall do this.

The ten tribes of Jacob or Israel (the northern house of Israel) were according to GOD and his Prophets no more a people, instead they were under judgment of GOD and lost among the Gentiles or nations, without a savior to redeem them.

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Hosea 1:9-10 (KJV)

Then said God, Call his name Lo-ammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God. [10] Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.

Hosea 2:23 (KJV)

And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

It's clear in these scriptures that God will not destroy the house of Israel, but he will restore them, redeem, and they shall obtain mercy, not destruction.

One hundred and thirty-five years later, God finds disfavor with Judah, because of the people of Judah's failure to obey God's Holy Law, their continued abominations committed in land of Israel.

Now takes place **the second captivity** of Israel, of **the house of Judah**.

This second Captivity (c 585 B.C.) of the two tribes of Judah and Benjamin of the house of Judah is called **the Babylonian captivity** by the Chaldeans for seventy years.

2nd Chronicles 36:11-23 (KJV)

Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. [12] And he did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of YHWH. [13] And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto YHWH God of Israel. [14] Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of YHWH which He had hallowed in Jerusalem. [15] And YHWH God of their fathers sent to them by His messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: [16] But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of YHWH arose against his people, till there was no remedy. [17] Therefore He brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: He gave them all into his hand. [18] And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of YHWH, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon. [19] And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the

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wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. [20] And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: [21] To fulfil the word of YHWH by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years. [22] Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of YHWH spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, YHWH stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, [23] Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath YHWH God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The Lord his God be with him, and let him go up.

The remnant of Israel that was to return to the land was only a small remnant (42,360) to return to Jerusalem and the land of Israel as a smaller remnant.

Nehemiah 7:66-69 (KJV)

The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore, [67] Beside their manservants and their maidservants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women. [68] Their horses, seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred forty and five: [69] Their camels, four hundred thirty and five: six thousand seven hundred and twenty asses.

Only those of tribe of Judah, Benjamin and Levi (the house of Judah) returned to the land to rebuild Jerusalem.

Ezra 1:3-6 (KJV)

Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of YHWH God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem. [4] And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem. [5] Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of YHWH which is in Jerusalem. [6] And all they that were about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all that was willingly offered.

Ezra 10:5-14 (KJV)

Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they should do according to this word. And they sware. [6] Then Ezra rose up from before the

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house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib: and when he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away. [7] And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem; [8] And that whosoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried away. [9] Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month; and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and for the great rain. [10] And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel. [11] Now therefore make confession unto YHWH God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives. [12] Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do. [13] But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither is this a work of one day or two: for we are many that have transgressed in this thing. [14] Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all them which have taken strange wives in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter be turned from us.

God insured there was a visible remnant left who would have the duty to keep his law and continue the traditions, cultures, and wait on the coming redeemer; for God had a plan to save the twelve tribes of Israel who were trodden down and cast away by the wrath of God, for God had mercy on His people for HIS great Name's sake and promises made to their tribal fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Isaiah 8:11-18 (KJV)

For YHWH spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, [12] Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. [13] Sanctify YHWH of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. [14] And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. [15] And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. [16] Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. [17] And I will wait upon YHWH, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. [18] Behold, I and the children whom YHWH hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from YHWH of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

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This Redeemer is the promised Seed of Abraham who will save Israel from her sins. This is the Anointed One, the Holy One of God—the Messiah.

Note also that the "Birthright of Israel" held by the tribe of Joseph (Ephraim) did not return.

This kingdom relationship of the *"birthright" of Israel* and the *"sceptre" of Judah* is a key to understanding that the ten tribes of Israel were not and will not be destroyed by God or else God's entire plan and promise falls apart.

The birthright must at some point be rejoined with that of the "sceptre" for the Kingdom of all Israel to be fulfilled.

Hosea 1:6-11 (KJV)

And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God said unto him, Call her name Lo-ruhamah: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away. [7] But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by YHWH their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen. [8] Now when she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son. [9] Then said God, Call his name Lo-ammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God. [10] Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God. [11] Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

Notice it says "the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head." This is exactly what is prophesied by the prophet Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 37:11-28 (KJV)

Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. [12] Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith YHWH God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. [13] And ye shall know that I am YHWH, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, [14] And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I YHWH have spoken it, and performed it, saith YHWH. [15] The word of YHWH came again unto me, saying, [16] Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions: [17] And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. [18] And

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when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these? [19] Say unto them, Thus saith YHWH God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. [20] And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. [21] And say unto them, Thus saith YHWH 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: [22] 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: [23] Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. [24] And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. [25] And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. [26] Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. [27] My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [28] And the heathen shall know that I YHWH do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

The prophesy in Ezekiel 37 speaks clearly of the *two sticks* which are *two houses* being formed *into one stick* or *one kingdom* under *one Shepherd*. It also states YHWH will "save" his people from their "sins" and "cleanse" them. God also refers to "My Servant David" and "their Prince" who will reign over His people when he makes a "covenant of Peace" or "everlasting covenant."

This prophesy exactly fits the same concept as prophesied by the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 9:6-17 (KJV)

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. [7] Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of YHWH of hosts will perform this. [8] YHWH sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel. [9] And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart, [10] The bricks are fallen down, but

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we will build with hewn stones: the sycomores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars. [11] Therefore YHWH shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and join his enemies together; [12] The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. [13] For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek YHWH of hosts. [14] Therefore YHWH will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day. [15] The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. [16] For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed. [17] Therefore YHWH shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows: for every one is an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

## Isaiah 10:20-23 (KJV)

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon YHWH, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. [21] The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God. [22] For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness. [23] For YHWH God of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land.

At this point in time, it must be noted that only Israelites from three tribes can possibly be called "Jews" as they hold the inheritance to the House of Judah.

It is only when Judah is joined by Benjamin and some of the Levites and a very minute minority of stragglers of the other twelve tribes as (the Holy Bible records so) that Judah became enlarged when the division of the house of Judah first took place.

However, the Holy Bible clearly shows that the multitude of the house of Judah (around the first Assyrian captivity) suffers a portion of its inhabitants to be taken away into the Assyrian territory along with the house of Israel never to return.

Then one hundred and thirty six years later the Chaldean Babylonians come sacking Jerusalem, burning the holy temple, and take away all of remaining of inhabitants of Judah.

Except for a very small remnant that remained in Jerusalem for a short period, these (of Judah) also then migrate to Egypt including the prophet Jeremiah, Baruch and the last King of Judah's only living heirs to the throne.

All of (the house) Judah is taken away and kept captivity for 70 years.

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2 Kings 24:1-4 (KJV)

In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him. [2] And YHWH sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of YHWH, which he spake by his servants the prophets. [3] Surely at the commandment of YHWH YHWH came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did; [4] And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which YHWH would not pardon.

2 Kings 24:10-25:7 (KJV)

At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. [11] And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it. [12] And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign. [13] And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of YHWH, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of YHWH, as YHWH had said. [14] And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land. [15] And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. [16] And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all that were strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon. [17] And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah. [18] Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. [19] And he did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. [20] For through the anger of YHWH it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. [25:1] And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about. [2] And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. [3] And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land. [4] And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees were



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against the city round about:) and the king went the way toward the plain. [5] And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him. [6] So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him. [7] And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

It's in Babylon where we see the book of the prophet Daniel. It is the one book which describes in detail that which took place under the Babylonian empire during the captivity.

Daniel 1:1-4 (KJV)

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. [2] And YHWH gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. [3] And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; [4] Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

The house of Israel is already one hundred and thirty years gone (lost, scattered into the Gentiles) from the picture. The house of Israel had been taken by the Assyrians up north toward the upper most regions of the Medes beyond the Euphrates River into what would be Armenian territory, located just before the Caucasus pass.

Judah's last king has now been taken away to Babylon and dies—**the sceptre is broken**. His heirs, his sons, were all killed—**the sceptre is broken**. His daughters (**the sceptre**) have left with Jeremiah into Egypt never to reappear as far as the Bible narrative states.

Jeremiah 43:4-7 (KJV)

So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of YHWH, to dwell in the land of Judah. [5] But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all nations, whither they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah; [6] Even men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah. [7] So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of YHWH: thus came they even to Tahpanhes.

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The Bible records that YHWH has made a promise to David regarding the throne or **scepter** of the kingdom of Israel.

1Kings 9:5 (KJV)

Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

Jeremiah 33:17-22 (KJV)

[17] For thus saith YHWH; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; [18] 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. [19] And the word of YHWH came unto Jeremiah, saying, [20] Thus saith YHWH; 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; [21] 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. [22] 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. [23] Moreover the word of YHWH came to Jeremiah, saying, [24] Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which YHWH hath chosen, he hath even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them. [25] Thus saith YHWH; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; [26] Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David

Remember Israel's prophecy to Judah

Genesis 49:8-12 (KJV)

Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. [9] Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? [10] **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. [11] Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: [12] His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

The Holy Bible states that Judah is one remnant (that is holding the title of "Israel") and after seventy years a remnant of Judah returns to rebuild Jerusalem and wait upon the coming Savior the Messiah according to the prophets.

Jeremiah 25:8-12 (KJV)

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[8] Therefore thus saith YHWH of hosts; Because ye have not heard my words, [9 ] Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith YHWH, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations. [10] Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle. [11] And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. [12] And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith YHWH, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

Jeremiah 29:10-14 (KJV)

[10] For thus saith YHWH, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. [11] For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith YHWH, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. [12] Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. [13] And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. [14] And I will be found of you, saith YHWH: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith YHWH; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

The visible remnant of Israel, a small remnant (42,360 Jews) return to the land of Israel and rebuild the city of Jerusalem, and the temple, and return to a trodden down land already inhabited by many foreigners: Edomites, Egyptians, Canaanites, Ishmaelites, Babylonians, Chaldeans, Medes, implanted settlers such as the Sepharvaim who then were brought in to replace the displaced children of Israel taken out of northern Samaria.

Judah is a very small minority now living amongst foreigners in the land rebuilding Jerusalem.

**This is the Biblical context that is extremely important to understand before anyone can even hope to begin to understand the rest of what takes place in Bible prophecy; for that matter, the New Testament.**

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**N**ow that you have taken the time to thoroughly go through each of the twelve tribes and determine who each Biblically is, it's now time to use those key components to understanding how to properly interpret Bible prophecy and the Holy Bible Scriptures in general regarding the two houses of the twelve tribes of Israel.

Many modern-day preachers, Bible scholars and Bible prophecy teachers and Christian authors have completely mixed up and missed the true definitions of the various elements found in just about all Bible prophecy with regard to the two houses of the children of Israel.

As stated earlier, all Bible Prophecy deals with both *the house of Judah* and *the house of Israel*. These are two distinct divided houses that make and comprise one kingdom of the twelve tribes of Israel.

These two houses are *not interchangeable* as some perceive they are; that is unless the Bible context states that they are to be read as such. The majority of the Bible prophecy speaks of *both* houses as to be distinctive houses; two separate entities, each with an important part or role to play and both share a key purpose for God's awesome plan which unfolds and continues to unfold to this day.

As stated before, many Bible readers have confused up the context of the Bible with a modern, often a political (such as *Zionism*) context, and thus they have completely misread what the Bible is actually speaking about. A perfect example of this is the notion that the prophecies of Jeremiah and Ezekiel and Joel or other so called "minor prophets" all point to the modern-day creation of "the state of Israel" created in 1948 by the United Nations. Therefore, many Christians see things in the Holy Scriptures they think reveal events about to happen to the Jewish state of Israel.

**This is simply incorrect!**

These prophetic Holy Scriptures all deal with two houses of Israel and Judah and only YHWH can unite them, only YHWH will bring them to their inheritance, only YHWH can deliver Israel.

The problem with this modern interpretation and flawed Biblical analysis is that it is not possible that modern day Jewish state to fulfill these prophecies, simply because as pointed already, over seventy percent of the twelve tribes of Israel according to the Holy Bible are not and never have been "Jews."

They, both houses of Israel, have not been gathered to their land, nor given their rightful inheritance according the promise of YHWH.

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In fact, the vast majority of Israelites, according to the Bible, were long scattered off to other lands and lost their own Hebrew Israelite identity amongst the foreign peoples as lost sheep scattered with no shepherd; according to the Holy Scriptures.

Contrary to many Christian and Jewish researchers of the ten tribes, they did not follow "Jewish" customs of "Judaism." Nor can Israelites of the house of Israel be identifiable today as those people who practiced any form of Judaism. It's important to understand that Israel practiced (before the captivity) the Hebrew Laws and statutes of YHWH. "Judaism," did not even exist until after the captivity of Judah and appears out of Babylon.

How could the house of Israel do this when it had long before the first captivity (720 B.C.) abandoned YHWH's own Laws and traditions?

Moses himself read to the children of Israel what would happen to them in the future.

Deuteronomy 4:25-31 (KJV)

When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of YHWH thy God, to provoke him to anger: [26] I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. [27] And YHWH shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the Lord shall lead you. [28] And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. [29] But if from thence thou shalt seek YHWH thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. [30] When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to YHWH thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; [31] (For YHWH thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them.

When Assyria took the house of Israel away, they further lost sight of the Israelite ways of traditions and adopted a new culture, new languages, new customs, became a new people as YHWH said they were no longer "HIS people" Israel, a title only the two tribes of Judah could now hold.

Therefore, if any of the Jews in the modern-day state of Israel today are indeed true descendants of Israelite Judahites of the house of Judah, **the state of Israel can only possibly hold members of the two tribes or house of Judah, not the greater ten tribes' house of Israel.**

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This means that the house of Israel is still to be found and gathered by God is still to fulfill an enormous role in Bible prophecy.

You will see the identifying markers of each of the two houses as each are described in the Holy Scriptures; and you will see indeed, that God is speaking about two houses of Israel (not a modern day secular Jewish state).

First, and before you begin, let's clearly show the division of the twelve tribes.

**The House of Israel**— ten tribes

**The House of Judah**—two full tribes and a portion of the tribe of Levi

The Holy Bible often refers to these two houses in a number of different names, and a number of ways. To understand what is being spoken of in the Scripture, it is important to know what the defining marks are which are associated with each specific Israelite house.

The House of Israel we know has ten tribes, but the ten tribes had a specific location where they lived. The house of Israel lived in what today would be the northern most area of the modern state of Israel or land of Palestine.

If you were to draw a line across the land of Palestine, extending just above Jerusalem; you would have the cutoff point upwards that the people of Israel Biblically lived on. (Ironically today, this is same the flash point conflict area of the "occupied territories" which the Jews cannot seem to acquire fully and territory which the Jews Biblically cannot acquire as it belongs to Ephraim, or the house of Israel.

## **Ephraim**

The headquarters, so to speak, of the house of Israel was located in Samaria, in the city of Shechem in mount Ephraim, named after the tribe of Ephraim which holds the Birthright of Israel

1 Kings 12:25 (KJV)

Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Peniel.

The Holy Bible often speaks in Bible prophecy Scriptures of "Samaria," and "Ephraim," and even "Shechem" all of which are direct references to the House of Israel, thus the ten tribes of Israel.

Remember the words "Israel" when used with word "Judah" in the same Scripture, do not refer to the same group, rather they refer to each a *different* house.

This is the most commonly made mistake by many Christians today.

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**Assuming that "Israel" and Judah" are synonymous, is a sure way to lead to a gross misinterpretation of the Holy Scriptures.**

A perfect example where they are not the same, but express two houses is Jeremiah 31:31.

Jeremiah 31:31 (KJV)

Behold, the days come, saith YHWH, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Another example, where they are not the same but expresses both houses.

Hosea 5:11-14 (KJV)

Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment. [12] Therefore will I be unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness. [13] When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound. [14] For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him.

Note that Ephraim is used to identify the house of Israel and is here associated to the Assyrian—exactly where Israel was taken away.

Below is an example of the use of various identifying marks of both the ten tribes of Israel and Judah. Note the references to "Ephraim" and the "Virgin of Israel" (ten tribes)

Jeremiah 31:18-26 (KJV)

I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art YHWH my God. [19] Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth. [20] Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith YHWH. [21] Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, even the way which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities. [22] How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for YHWH hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man. [23] Thus saith YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; YHWH bless thee, O habitation of justice, and mountain of holiness. [24] And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they that go forth with flocks. [25] For I have satiated

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the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul. [26] Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me.

The following makes a distinction between two sticks. One stick is *Judah*-the children of Israel, one is for *Joseph* the stick of *Ephraim*-for all the house of Israel

Ezekiel 37:16 (KJV)

Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions:

Here two sticks are prophesied to become one--both, Joseph (the house of Israel) and Judah (the house of Judah).

Ezekiel 37:19 (KJV)

Say unto them, Thus saith YHWH God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

Jeremiah 31:6 (KJV)

For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto YHWH our God.

The following clearly distinguishes Ephraim from Judah.

Isaiah 11:13 (KJV)

The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

Isaiah 17:3 (KJV)

The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith YHWH of hosts.

Ephraim is also "the first born," or "the head" of Israel and of course the holder of Birthright of the twelve tribes. Note the reference to "women" and "daughter."

Jeremiah 31:9 (KJV)

They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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Isaiah 7:8-9 (KJV)

For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people. [9] And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

Note the head of Ephraim is Samaria the northern region, northern kingdom

Micah 2:13 (KJV)

The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king shall pass before them, and YHWH on the head of them.

Often in Scriptures Israel, that is both two houses of the twelve tribes, are referred to as rival siblings or "daughters," or "women," even as "harlots" in the Holy Scriptures.

Lamentations 1:6 (KJV)

And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed: her princes are become like harts that find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer.

Lamentations 2:1-2 (KJV)

How hath YHWH covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, and cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger! [2] YHWH hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied: he hath thrown down in his wrath the strong holds of the daughter of Judah; he hath brought them down to the ground: he hath polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof.

Lamentations 2:13 (KJV)

What thing shall I take to witness for thee? what thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach is great like the sea: who can heal thee?

Zephaniah 3:14 (KJV)

Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Isaiah 4:3-5 (KJV)

And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: [4]

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When YHWH shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. [5] And YHWH will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence.

Zion was usually where God deals from in his Mountain of Zion. "Zion" is also the name used for Jerusalem at times (just like "Ariel" has been).

## **The House of Judah**

It is just as important to understand the defining marks of Judah, to correctly identify when God and His prophets are speaking about Judah.

As Israel (Ephraim) lived in the northern part of the land of Israel, Judah lived largely in the southern kingdom or the southern region of the land of Israel, or Palestine.

From Jerusalem on ward down, Judah's land inheritance is quite smaller in proportion to that of Israel's.

The House of Judah had its kingdom headquarters in Jerusalem.

"Jerusalem" in Bible prophecy Scriptures, is many times used to identify the house of Judah only.

Israel, that is the ten tribes, is not used or associated with Jerusalem.

The temple was the main point of religious and political power for only the house of Judah.

The ten tribes were known to worship in mount Shechem— a sign of the kind idolatry which led to Israel's great sin and dispersion from off the land.

The word "Jerusalem" is used only to denote the house Judah, as is the word "Judah."

This is evident when the words "O Jerusalem" or "Daughter of Jerusalem."

## **Micah 4:8 (KJV)**

And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

This again depends on the Biblical context, and is not always easy to decipher as some times the text is speaking only of Judah when referring the "daughter of Zion." This is why one must have a Biblical context of the prophet and what he is describing and the time period in which it happens.

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As shown earlier that the twelve tribes were united from the time of the *book of Exodus* to about the *book of Samuel*, but then rivalries and infighting causes the tribes to be grouped in different ways each tribe doing what it felt needed to do. It's not until being unified again under David the twelve tribes are one kingdom.

This extends to Solomon, but ends with his son's reign and thus the two houses are created.

From then on, it's very important understand the Biblical context of where and what happened to each house.

The 10 tribes sinned greatly against God and thus were destined to be cast away.

The ten tribes were taken away by Assyrian captivity removed. Not destroyed. God will keep a remnant of all ten tribes which will continue according to the blessing of Jacob to grow in the midst of the earth and become a multitude of nations. YHWH states in Hosea that Israel shall be as sand by the sea, a countless multitude who one day shall return back to God.

The remnant of Judah then was left, but soon they too greatly sinned and God brought an ever-greater judgment on Judah, for having the greater sin. So, Judah was cast away into Babylon for seventy years.

The Bible also speaks of those who were taken and sinned against God who are the "bad figs of Judah." These bad figs will be cast in to all the earth as a curse and are also to be of those who remained in Babylon and who do not come back to the land of Israel after the seventy years of captivity.

It also speaks of those who shall come back from the seventy-year captivity, whom God has mercy upon. These are the "good figs." One can see that use of "figs" in Biblical imagery in most cases will be an identification with Judah, which Israel the ten tribes is identified by the marks of Ephraim and Manasseh the children of Joseph, the two fruitful branches.

Jeremiah 24:1-10 (KJV)

YHWH shewed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs were set before the temple of YHWH, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. [2] One basket had very good figs, even like the figs that are first ripe: and the other basket had very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. [3] Then said YHWH unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil. [4] Again the word of YHWH came unto me, saying, [5] Thus saith YHWH, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are

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carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good. [6] For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. [7] And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am YHWH: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart. [8] And as the evil figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil; surely thus saith YHWH, So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Egypt: [9] And I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for their hurt, to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them. [10] And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

It's very clear God has chosen good Judahites and has cursed Evil Judahites who yet may both still exist today.

Imagery is often important to understand in its proper Biblical context. *The lion* is often associated with Judah, but is also associated with Babylon, whereas *the eagle* is associated with Israel, but is also associated with Assyria.

The Four creatures depicted in Ezekiel 1 are actually also the four image standards for the four main camps of 12 the tribes of Israel as mention in the book of Numbers.

Ezekiel 1:10 (KJV)

As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

The Ox was symbol of Ephraim and the lion a symbol of Judah, the eagle often used as a symbol of Israel.

The most overlooked animal in the Bible is the use of "sheep." Sheep in the Bible are exclusively used to identify the children of Israel, God's people Israel.

2nd Chronicles 18:16 (KJV)

Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and YHWH said, These have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace.

Psalm 78:52 (KJV)

But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

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Psalm 79:13 (KJV)

So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

Psalm 95:7 (KJV)

For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

Psalm 100:3 (KJV)

Know ye that YHWH he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Psalm 119:176 (KJV)

I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

Isaiah 53:6-7 (KJV)

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and YHWH hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. [7] He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Jeremiah 23:1 (KJV)

Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith YHWH.

Jeremiah 50:17 (KJV)

Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

Ezekiel 34:6 (KJV)

My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

Ezekiel 34:11-12 (KJV)

For thus saith YHWH God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. [12] As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

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Micah 2:12 (KJV)

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 5:8 (KJV)

And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.

Ezekiel 34:8 (KJV)

As I live, saith YHWH God, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;

Ezekiel 34:12 (KJV)

As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

Ezekiel 34:23 (KJV)

And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

Ezekiel 37:24 (KJV)

And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

John 10:7-8 (KJV)

Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. [8] All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

John 10:11-16 (KJV)

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. [12] But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. [13] The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. [14] I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. [15] As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. [16] And

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other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

John 10:26-27 (KJV)

But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. [27] My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

God also uses "goats" to identify the enemies of the sheep. He uses lions and other animals to show that His people are a prey or in certain contexts this used to identify Israel as being lions that will devour his prey or as an animal that is captured by the hunters (Babylon or the Assyrians).

One of the greatest identifying marks of Israel (all twelve tribes) next to "sheep" is that of being "scattered afar" in to "the heathen" or "the Gentiles."

Leviticus 26:33 (KJV)

And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

Leviticus 26:38 (KJV)

And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.

Deuteronomy 4:27 (KJV)

And YHWH shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither YHWH shall lead you.

Jeremiah 18:13 (KJV)

Therefore thus saith YHWH; Ask ye now among the heathen, who hath heard such things: the virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing.

Jeremiah 49:14-15 (KJV)

I have heard a rumour from YHWH, and an ambassador is sent unto the heathen, saying, Gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle. [15] For, lo, I will make thee small among the heathen, and despised among men.

Lament. 1:3 (KJV)

Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude: she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits.

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Ezekiel 11:16 (KJV)

Therefore say, Thus saith YHWH God; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come.

Ezekiel 22:15-16 (KJV)

And I will scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out of thee. [16] And thou shalt take thine inheritance in thyself in the sight of the heathen, and thou shalt know that I am YHWH.

Ezekiel 28:25 (KJV)

Thus saith YHWH God; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.

Ezekiel 36:19-24 (KJV)

And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. [20] And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These are the people of YHWH, and are gone forth out of his land.

[21] But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went. [22] Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith YHWH God; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. [23] And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am YHWH, saith YHWH God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. [24] For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

Isaiah 42:1 (KJV)

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

Isaiah 42:6 (KJV)

I YHWH have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;



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Isaiah 49:6 (KJV)

And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

Isaiah 60:16 (KJV)

Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I YHWH am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

Isaiah 61:6 (KJV)

But ye shall be named the Priests of YHWH: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

Isaiah 61:9 (KJV)

And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which YHWH hath blessed.

Isaiah 62:2 (KJV)

And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of YHWH shall name.

Lament. 2:9 (KJV)

Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes are among the Gentiles: the law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from YHWH.

Ezekiel 4:13 (KJV)

And YHWH said, Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, whither I will drive them.

Hosea 8:8 (KJV)

Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure.

Micah 5:8 (KJV)

And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.

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Just about all of these Scriptures allude *not* to "non-Jews" or "non Israelites", but to *the children of Israel* who were taken away and "scattered" as "lost sheep" among the heathen, among "the Gentiles", the nations.

Having a proper Biblical understanding of the Scriptures will help you to understand not only prophecy, but further understand the Mystery in the New Testament writings regards to "the Jews and the Gentiles," which the modern-day church would incorrectly interpret as "Israel and non-Israel."

**It's clear that God is working largely with Israel** (the offspring of the 12 sons of Jacob) in the new covenant and through Israel He will bring salvation to rest of the lost world.

Jeremiah 31:31-36 (KJV)

Behold, the days come, saith YHWH, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: [32] Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith YHWH: [33] But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith YHWH, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. [34] And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know YHWH: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith YHWH; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

[35] Thus saith YHWH, 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; YHWH of hosts is his name: [36] If those ordinances depart from before me, saith YHWH, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

Hebrews 8:8 (KJV)

For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith YHWH, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

Hebrews 8:13 (KJV)

In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

Hebrews 12:24 (KJV)

And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

**Why? Because His people Israel are still lost in the heathen and gentiles and most likely today, do not even realize they are Israelites of His own Chosen people!**

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Matthew 10:6 (KJV)

But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matthew 19:28 (KJV)

And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Matthew 15:24 (KJV)

But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Luke 22:30 (KJV)

That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Acts 1:6 (KJV)

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

Acts 9:15 (KJV)

But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

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**Y**ou have now learned about Israel, Israel's division, Israel's history, Israel's birthright and scepter, Israel's identifying makers in the scriptures. Now it's time to study the New Testament, or *New Covenant* to understand fully how Israel will continue to be *key* to God's plan.

The first use of the word Israel in the New Testament is Matthew 2:6.

Matthew 2:6

And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Now let's look at the context.

Matthew 1:18-2:6 (KJV)

[18] ¶ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. [19] Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. [20] But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. [21] And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. [22] Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, [23] Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. [24] Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: [25] And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS. [2:1] ¶ Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, [2] Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. [3] When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. [4] And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. [5] And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, [6] And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

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You can see clearly the birth of the child **JESUS** named by the Holy Ghost for He shall save His people from their sins, born of the Holy Ghost, born of virgin as foretold in prophecy.

Isaiah 7:10-14

[10] ¶ Moreover YHWH spake again unto Ahaz, saying, [11] Ask thee a sign of YHWH thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. [12] But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt YHWH. [13] And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? [14] Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

JESUS is associated to the prophecy of **the Christ** and where the **King of the Jews** shall be born-Bethlehem, out of which shall be a Governor that will rule His people Israel.

Micah 5:2

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Psalm 22:28 For the kingdom is YHWH'S: and he is the governor among the nations.

Here we can see that JESUS is directly connected to ruling Israel, the children of Israel.

Therefore, this study will turn its focus on what the Bible says about JESUS.

The promised Holy One was to come at an appointed time by GOD to redeem His people, Israel. It was at this same time, we have the entrance of JESUS, the Christ —another word meaning the **Messiah**.

John 1:19-28 (KJV)

And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? [20] And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, **I am not the Christ**. [21] And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. [22] Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? [23] He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. [24] And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. [25] And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that **Christ**, nor Elias, neither that prophet? [26] John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; [27] He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. [28] These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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Mark 8:27-29 (KJV)

And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way He asked His disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am? [28] And they answered, John the Baptist: but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets. [29] And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, **Thou art the Christ.**

JESUS was born of the Holy Ghost and He fulfilled the prophecies of the former or Old Testament prophets who lived during the two houses of Israel's down fall and partial destruction or wrath of Judgment.

One such Prophet was Isaiah.

Isaiah 8:11-9:7 (KJV)

For YHWH spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, [12] Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. [13] Sanctify YHWH of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. [14] And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. [15] And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. [16] Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. [17] And I will wait upon YHWH, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. [18] Behold, I and the children whom YHWH hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from YHWH of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion. [19] And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? [20] To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. [21] And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward. [22] And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness.

[9:1] Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. [2] The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. [3] Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. [4] For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. [5] For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. [6] For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is

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given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. [7] Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of YHWH of hosts will perform this.

Again, this prophecy is again in the same book.

Isaiah 7:10-16 (KJV)

Moreover YHWH] spake again unto Ahaz, saying, [11] Ask thee a sign of YHWH thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. [12] But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt YHWH. [13] And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? [14] Therefore YHWH Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. [15] Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good. [16] For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.

In the time of the birth of JESUS, they too understood and realized the prophecy.

Matthew 1:23 (KJV)

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

So JESUS is not just any man. He was "God with us" (God with man) the Anointed and the Chosen One of GOD to bring redemption for Israel and to reign over the Kingdom of Israel.

In perfect harmony with the New Testament Scripture, YHWH states HE will Perform this.

Isaiah 9:6-7 (KJV)

[6] For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. [7] Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of YHWH of hosts will perform this.

Looking at another Holy Scripture we can begin to see this more,

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Isaiah 25:6-12 (KJV)

And in this mountain shall YHWH of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. [7] And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations. [8] He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of His people shall He take away from off all the earth: for YHWH hath spoken it. [9] And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and He will save us: this is YHWH; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation. [10] For in this mountain shall the hand of YHWH rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill. [11] And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim: and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands. [12] And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust.

Ezekiel 34:11-31 (KJV)

For thus saith YHWH God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. [12] As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. [12] As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. [13] And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. [14] I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. [15] I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith YHWH God. [16] I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment. [17] And as for you, O my flock, thus saith YHWH God; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats. [18] Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet? [19] And as for my flock, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet; and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet. [20] Therefore thus saith YHWH God unto them; Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle. [21] Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad; [22] Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and



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cattle. [23] And I will set up one shepherd over them, I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. [24] And I YHWH will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the Lord have spoken it. [25] And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. [26] And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. [27] And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am YHWH, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them. [28] And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid. [29] And I will raise up for them a plant of renown I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more. [30] Thus shall they know that I YHWH their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord God. [31] And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord God.

From the parable above, one can see that GOD YHWH states HE will save and deliver Israel by HIS Own Hand and “ will set up one shepherd over them, and He shall feed them, even My servant David; He shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. [24] And I YHWH will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the Lord have spoken it.”

When JESUS is a grown man and He is preaching the Gospel, again teaching law of righteousness of HIS Father or YHWH, he clearly states that He is the Good Shepherd.

John 10:1-18 (KJV)

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. [2] But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. [3] To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. [4] And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. [5] And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. [6] This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. [7] Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. [8] All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. [9] I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. [10] The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. [11] I am the good

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shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. [12] But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. [13] The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. [14] I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. [15] As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. [16] And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. [17] Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. [18] 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.

In this Parable JESUS speaks of the two flocks of sheep. This very same parable is mentioned in the Book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 37:11-28 (KJV)

Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. [12] Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith YHWH God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. [13] And ye shall know that I am YHWH, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, [14] And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I YHWH have spoken it, and performed it, saith YHWH. [15] The word of YHWH came again unto me, saying, [16] Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions: [17] And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. [18] And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these? [19] Say unto them, Thus saith YHWH God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. [20] And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. [21] And say unto them, Thus saith YHWH 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 will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: [22] 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, two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all divided into two kingdoms any more at all: [23] Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their

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transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. [24] And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. [25] And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. [26] Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. [27] My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [28] And the heathen shall know that I YHWH do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

The mention of the covenant is very particular; it is a new and everlasting covenant that will be made with the children of Israel.

Jeremiah 31:31-37 (KJV)

Behold, the days come, saith YHWH, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: [32] Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith YHWH: [33] But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith YHWH, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. [34] And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know YHWH: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith YHWH; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. [35] Thus saith YHWH, 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; YHWH [the LORD] of hosts is his name: [36] If those ordinances depart from before me, saith YHWH, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. [37] Thus saith YHWH; 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 YHWH.

JESUS further more states Himself when asked if He is the Messiah — The anointed one sent to deliver Israel.

John 8:28 (KJV)

Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I AM *He*, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

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John 13:19 (KJV)

Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I AM *He*.

John 8:24 (KJV)

I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I AM *He*, ye shall die in your sins.

John 8:58 (KJV)

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM.

Notice these are the same words attributed to HIS Father in the Old Testament Hebrew Holy Scriptures

Deuteronomy 32:39 (KJV)

See now that I, even I, AM he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

Isaiah 48:12 (KJV)

Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.

Isaiah 43:13 (KJV)

Yea, before the day was I AM he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

Notice that it was JESUS who was sent to save Israel.

Matthew 15:24 (KJV)

But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

One can now begin to see what extraordinary claims this man JESUS made and according to the Holy Scriptures in a divinely appointed time.

A Savior is born.

Luke 2:4-17 (KJV)

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) [5] To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. [6] And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. [7] And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and

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laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. [8] And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. [9] And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. [10] And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. [11] For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. [12] And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. [13] And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, [14] Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. [15] And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. [16] And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. [17] And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

Where Christ should be born.

Matthew 2:1-11 (KJV)

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, [2] Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him. [3] When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. [4] And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. [5] And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, [6] And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. [7] Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. [8] And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. [9] When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. [10] When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

[11] And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Words fulfilled in their season.

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Luke 1:5-25 (KJV)

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. [6] And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. [7] And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. [8] And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, [9] According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. [10] And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. [11] And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. [12] And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. [13] But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. [14] And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. [15] For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. [16] And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. [17] And he shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. [18] And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. [19] And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings. [20] And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not My words, which shall be fulfilled in their season. [21] And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. [22] And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless. [23] And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house. [24] And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, [25] Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.

The people were in expectation of the Messiah.

Luke 3:1-18 (KJV)

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, [2] Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. [3] And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism

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of repentance for the remission of sins; [4] As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. [5] Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; [6] And all flesh shall see the salvation of God. [7] Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? [8] Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. [9] And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. [10] And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? [11] He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. [12] Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do? [13] And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you. [14] And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages. [15] And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not; [16] John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: [17] Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable. [18] And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people.

The Holy Ghost descended.

Luke 3:21-38 (KJV)

Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, [22] And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. [23] And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli, [24] Which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi, which was the son of Melchi, which was the son of Janna, which was the son of Joseph, [25] Which was the son of Mattathias, which was the son of Amos, which was the son of Naum, which was the son of Esli, which was the son of Nagge, [26] Which was the son of Maath, which was the son of Mattathias, which was the son of Semei, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Juda, [27] Which was the son of Joanna, which was the son of Rhesa, which was the son of Zorobabel, which was the son of Salathiel, which was the son of Neri, [28] Which was the son of Melchi, which was the son of Addi, which was the son of Cosam, which was the son of Elmodam, which was the son of Er, [29] Which was the son of Jose,



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which was the son of Eliezer, which was the son of Jorim, which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi, [30] Which was the son of Simeon, which was the son of Juda, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Jonan, which was the son of Eliakim, [31] Which was the son of Melea, which was the son of Menan, which was the son of Mattatha, which was the son of Nathan, which was the son of David, [32] Which was the son of Jesse, which was the son of Obed, which was the son of Booz, which was the son of Salmon, which was the son of Naasson, [33] Which was the son of Aminadab, which was the son of Aram, which was the son of Esrom, which was the son of Phares, which was the son of Juda, [34] Which was the son of Jacob, which was the son of Isaac, which was the son of Abraham, which was the son of Thara, which was the son of Nachor, [35] Which was the son of Saruch, which was the son of Ragau, which was the son of Phalec, which was the son of Heber, which was the son of Sala, [36] Which was the son of Cainan, which was the son of Arphaxad, which was the son of Sem, which was the son of Noe, which was the son of Lamech, [37] Which was the son of Mathusala, which was the son of Enoch, which was the son of Jared, which was the son of Maleleel, which was the son of Cainan, [38] Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.

We can see through all these scriptures that JESUS was the man in the flesh who was also the Son of God or as the Bible states "God manifest in the flesh."

1st Timothy 3:16 (KJV)

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

1st Peter 3:18 (KJV)

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

1st Peter 4:1-2 (KJV)

Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; [2] That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

1st John 4:2-3 (KJV)

Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: [3] And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.



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2 John 1:7 (KJV)

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

One can see that God came as man to earth for to save his People Israel and to give hope to save all men and women (or every creature) who will seek Christ and Believe in HIM.

Mark 16:15-18 (KJV)

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. [16] He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. [17] And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; [18] They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Clearly JESUS did come to save the world — those who would believe and be baptized in His name.

John 12:47 (KJV)

And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

John 13:19 (KJV)

Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I AM he.

John 14:1 (KJV)

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

John 14:11 (KJV)

Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

John 14:29 (KJV)

And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

John 17:20-21 (KJV)

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; [21] That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

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Acts 15:11 (KJV)

But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

Acts 16:31 (KJV)

And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Acts 19:4 (KJV)

Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:22 (KJV)

Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Romans 10:9 (KJV)

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10:14 (KJV)

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

When JESUS appeared on the scene, He preached the Gospel or "the Good news" of the Salvation of GOD.

Luke 4:14-32 (KJV)

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. [15] And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. [16] And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. [17] And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, [18] The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, [19] To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. [20] And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. [21] And he

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began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. [22] And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son? [23] And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country. [24] And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. [25] But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; [26] But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. [27] And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian. [28] And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, [29] And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. [30] But he passing through the midst of them went his way, [31] And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days. [32] And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

JESUS, the Christ, and Israel's Messiah had to come in the flesh about to be a Holy Sacrifice and a sanctified sin offering to GOD to make an end of Sin.

It would require His very own death to make this sacrifice, for a Covenant is only in power when the death of Covenant maker physically takes place.

A covenant is something that is "cut" or that required the shedding of blood with those who were involved in the covenant pact.

When JESUS died, He fulfilled the first covenant (written in Stone) and the second everlasting covenant.

Matthew 5:17-20 (KJV)

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. [18] 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. [19] Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. [20] For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

JESUS had to die and it was His Holy Blood that had to be shed, for without blood according to the Old Testament Hebrew Law of GOD, there was no remission for sin. It

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was the blood of lambs, goats or bulls or other sacrifices that made atonement for the sins of the people of Israel under the Old or First Covenant.

Hebrews 9:12-28 (KJV)

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. [13] 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: [14] 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? [15] 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. [16] For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. [17] For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. [18] Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. [19] For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, [20] Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. [21] Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. [22] And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. [23] It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. [24] For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: [25] Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; [26] For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. [27] And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: [28] So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

The Life is in the Blood

Genesis 9:4-6 (KJV)

But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. [5] And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. [6] Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

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Moreover, JESUS knew He had to do this. This was a part of the redemption plan for His people.

Matthew 26:1-5 (KJV)

And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples, [2] Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified. [3] Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, [4] And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him. [5] But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people.

God stated that no leaven will be found with any blood Sacrifice.

Exodus 23:14-19 (KJV)

Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. [15] Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:) [16] And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field. [17] Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before YHWH God. [18] Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning. [19] The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of YHWH thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

God also commanded the children of Israel to hold a feast seven days with unleavened bread.

This unleavened bread served as a type and shadow of that which was not of sin.

Leaven therefore, was a type and shadow for sin.

Exodus 12:15 (KJV)

Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

Leviticus 6:17 (KJV)

It shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it unto them for their portion of my offerings made by fire; it is most holy, as is the sin offering, and as the trespass offering.

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Hosea 7:4 (KJV)

They are all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, who ceaseth from raising after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened.

Matthew 16:6 (KJV)

Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Matthew 16:11-12 (KJV)

How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? [12] Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

1st Corinthians 5:6-8 (KJV)

Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? [7] Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: [8] Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The ordinance was for holding a feast of seven days after the passover, when the children of Israel had to kill the passover lamb, was essentially a huge type and shadow for Seven days putting away of Sin.

The number seven is a very Sacred number, used throughout the Bible by GOD. The Hebrew meaning for the word to mean Seven, actually means "a full sacred One."

So, the seven days following the Passover completed a perfect cycle and therefore was a single act that put away all Sin.

These Seven days or one completion of putting away of Sin immediately followed the Passover.

The Passover Lamb was "the key" to the Passover Ordinance. God commanded the children of Israel to take a lamb and kill it on the evening (beginning) of the Passover Day and in the night, they were to eat the lamb in haste, not leaving any until morning nor were they allowed to break a bone of it.

The Passover was a most Holy Sacrifice to God. The Children of Israel were told to take the blood of the lamb and to mark the top lintel and two side door posts of each dwelling

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where they gathered to eat the Passover meal. It was during midnight hour of the Passover that God passed over and the angel of death would smite the first born of anyone not covering their door posts and the lintel with the blood of the lamb.

Exodus 12:1-20 (KJV)

And YHWH spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, [2] This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. [3] Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: [4] And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. [5] Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: [6] And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. [7] And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. [8] And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. [9] Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. [10] And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. [11] And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is YHWH's passover. [12] For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am YHWH. [13] And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. [14] And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to YHWH throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever. [15] Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. [16] And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you. [17] And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever. [18] In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even. [19] Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land. [20] Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

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This entire ordinance was designed to be a perfect type and shadow of our coming Messiah, for the sacrifice the Lamb of God, who takes away all Sin of the world, that anyone who would be covered by the blood of Christ, would be Saved.

JESUS the Christ was our Passover lamb. Notice what John the Baptist said of JESUS.

John 1:29 (KJV)

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1:36 (KJV)

And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

JESUS knew exactly why He was to die—the plan was laid out from the very beginning.

Matthew 26:26-35 (KJV)

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. [The Lamb] [27] And he took the cup, [The Blood of the Lamb] and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; [28] For this is my blood of the new testament, [The Passover] which is shed for many for the remission of sins. [The unleavened bread] [29] But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. [30] And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives. [31] Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. [32] But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. [33] Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. [34] Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. [35] Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples

The "last supper" was the Passover meal, which was symbolic of the very act HE was about to undergo.

Luke 22:15-23 (KJV)

And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: [16] For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. [17] And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: [18] For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. [19] And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in



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remembrance of me. [20] Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. [21] But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table. [22] And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed! [23] And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

JESUS was well aware and foretold His own death and His resurrection many times to his disciples

Luke 9:22 (KJV)

Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

Luke 18:31-34 (KJV)

Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. [32] For He shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: [33] And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again. [34] And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

According to the Holy Gospel accounts and Holy Scriptures, JESUS was crucified and died on the cross. He was buried in a tomb and rested three days in the grave. On the third day He arose from the dead according to His Prophecy and the Prophecies in the Holy Scriptures.

Luke 24:1-9 (KJV)

Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. [2] And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. [3] And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. [4] And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: [5] And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? [6] He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, [7] Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. [8] And they remembered his words, [9] And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

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After JESUS is risen from the dead, JESUS finds two men along the road and speaks to them but without giving away his identity. Notice closely what the two men testify to and what JESUS' response to them is.

Luke 24:18-27 (KJV)

And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? [19] And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: [20] And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. [21] But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. [22] Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; [23] And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. [24] And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. [25] Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: [26] Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? [27] And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself

This short scripture should tell us many things about JESUS' character and His patience (or lack thereof sometimes) and ways because sometimes God will appear as unknown to us, not forth coming as HE is waiting for our response to him.

Luke 24:36-49 (KJV)

And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. [37] But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. [38] And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? [39] Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. [40] And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. [41] And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? [42] And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. [43] And he took it, and did eat before them. [44] And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. [45] Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, [46] And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: [47] And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations,

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beginning at Jerusalem. [48] And ye are witnesses of these things. [49] And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Acts 2:22-36 (KJV)

Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: [23] Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: [24] Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. [25] For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: [26] Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: [27] Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. [28] Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. [29] Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. [30] Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; [31] He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. [32] This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. [33] Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. [34] For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, [35] Until I make thy foes thy footstool. [36] Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

So, we can see, that JESUS is the Christ the Promised long awaited Messiah who came to save and redeem the HIS People Israel from their sins.

The Old Testament Prophets said that whosoever calls on the name of the LORD or YHWH will Be saved.

Likewise, Jesus' Apostles taught the same thing.

Acts 2:16-21 (KJV)

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; [17] And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: [18] And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: [19] And I will shew wonders in heaven

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above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: [20] The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: [21] And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Joel 2:21-32 (KJV)

Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for YHWH will do great things. [22] Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. [23] Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in YHWH your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. [24] And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. [25] And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. [26] And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of YHWH your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. [27] And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am YHWH your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. [28] 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: [29] And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. [30] And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. [31] The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come. [32] And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of YHWH shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as YHWH hath said, and in the remnant whom YHWH shall call.

This brings us to the name of the Messiah.

There is Power and Authority in the Name of JESUS.

John 3:18 (KJV)

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.

JESUS states on more than one occasion that He is come in His Father's name. Of course His Father's name is the same as in the Old Testament.

John 5:43 (KJV)

I AM come in my Father's name, and ye receive Me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

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John 10:25 (KJV)

Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

John 14:13-14 (KJV)

And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. [14] If ye shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it.

The "Holy Ghost" or "Holy Spirit" or "the Comforter" is sent by the Father in JESUS' name

John 14:26 (KJV)

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

JESUS speaks often of His Father's name.

John 17:6 (KJV)

I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

John 17:11-12 (KJV)

And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. [12] While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

John 17:26 (KJV)

And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

The Name of JESUS is important and Powerful for one's Salvation.

John 20:31 (KJV)

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Baptism often took place in the name or Power and Sovereign Authority of JESUS, the Christ.

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Acts 2:38 (KJV)

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

The Name of the Son of God did many powerful works and miracles of God's mercy and Power.

Acts 3:6 (KJV)

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Acts 3:16 (KJV)

And His name through faith in His name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Acts 4:10 (KJV)

Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

JESUS is the name by which all must believe to be "saved."

Acts 4:12 (KJV)

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Acts 10:43 (KJV)

To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

The name of "JESUS" is an English transliteration for the Greek "IESOUS"

Iesous, ee-ay-sooce'; of Hebrew origin [Hebrew 3091 (Yehowshuwa`)]; Jesus (i.e. Jehoshua), the name of our Lord and two (three) other Israelites :- Jesus.

The Greek IESOUS is a transliteration in Greek of the Hebrew Name of JESUS which is Yehowshuwa or YESHUA pronounced possibly as YAH-SHU-AH as transliterated into the English.

The Hebrew Name of JESUS simply means YHWH SAVES or The Salvation of YHWH (GOD)

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Notice the following Scripture to see how this fits perfectly and in harmony.

Isaiah 25:6-12 (KJV)

And in this mountain shall YHWH of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. [7] And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations. [8] He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for YHWH hath spoken it. [9] And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; [ or YHWH] we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is YHWH; we have waited for Him [GOD], we will be glad and rejoice in His [YESHUA] salvation. [10] For in this mountain shall the hand of YHWH [the LORD] rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill. [11] And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim: and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands. [12] And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust.

Notice the above Scripture refers to "death swallowed up in victory."

1 Cor. 15:50-57 (KJV)

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. [51] Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, [52] In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. [53] For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. [54] So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. [55] O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? [56] The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. [57] But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:4-23 (KJV)

Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. [5] For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: [6] Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. [7] For he that is dead is freed from sin. [8] Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: [9] Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. [10] For in that he died, he died unto sin

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once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. [11] Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. [12] Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. [13] Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. [14] For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. [15] What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. [16] Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? [17] But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. [18] Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. [19] I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. [20] For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. [21] What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. [22] But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. [23] For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

So, our salvation (from the power, mercy, and the grace of God) is received through the Name of JESUS Christ or YESHUA the Christ and believing into JESUS Christ to believe on the Son of GOD.

Just as Christ suffered, died, and was buried, we too (as Christians) must be buried with Christ in His Baptism. This is where "water baptism" comes into being. Baptism or washing was an ordinance of Israel and commandment from JESUS to His disciples and Christians to "wash" and "repent" of one's sins—"for remission of sins"—washing in the Blood of the lamb, sacrificed by JESUS, our Passover lamb.

Matthew 3:13-17 (KJV)

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. [14] But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? [15] And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. [16] And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: [17] And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

JESUS was baptized in order "to fulfill all righteousness." Likewise, Christ's disciple also baptized and taught "full water emersion" or the same kind of baptism JESUS willingly partook of as a part of one's path to salvation.

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John 4:1-2 (KJV)

When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, [2] (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

Acts 2:38 (KJV)

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:12 (KJV)

But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 8:36-39 (KJV)

And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? [37] And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. [38] And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. [39] And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

Acts 10:47-48 (KJV)

Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? [48] And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Acts 22:16 (KJV)

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Note that Paul is speaking to an already baptized "Church"— those in Christ.

Romans 6:3 (KJV)

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

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Galatians 3:23-29 (KJV)

But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. [24] Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. [25] But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. [26] For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. [27] For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. [28] 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. [29] And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

The following Scripture shows that this washing ritual was indeed a commandment to His disciples.

John 13:4-11 (KJV)

He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. [5] After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. [6] Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? [7] Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. [8] Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. [9] Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. [10] Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. [11] For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

John 13:12-20 (KJV)

So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? [13] Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. [14] If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. [15] For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. [16] Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. [17] If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. [18] I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me. [19] Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he. [20] Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

So one can see clearly that Baptism was not a "work," for by works we are not justified. Nor by doing the works of the Law or a work of righteousness is one justified, rather

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through Faith if one believes and obeys that which JESUS said, he or she will see that JESUS commanded His Sheep to repent and be baptized in Name of the Lord and for the remission of their sins. For the Blood of JESUS was in the process of Water baptism.

Christ said that one must be born again but notice he says one must be born of the water and the Spirit. One must be "born again."

John 3:1-17 (KJV)

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: [2] The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. [3] 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. [4] 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? [5] 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. Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. [6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. [7] Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. [8] 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. [9] Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? [10] Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? [11] Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. [12] If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? [13] And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. [14] And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: [15] That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. [16] 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. [17] For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

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**Y**ou have just been shown in the last chapter JESUS is the Savior, the promised Redeemer, the Shepherd of Israel. Now you're going to see that JESUS is also directly connected to the Promise given to God's most faithful servant Abraham.

We begin with the book of Genesis in the Holy Scriptures where God speaks to Abraham and makes Abraham a Promise.

Genesis 17:15-21 (KJV)

[15] And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. [16] And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her. [17] Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? [18] And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! [19] And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. [20] 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. [21] But my covenant will I establish with Isaac,

You can see that God, Almighty YHWH, promises Abraham a son born of his wife Sarah and this son shall be called Isaac. God will establish with Isaac God's Covenant for an "everlasting covenant" and with His seed after him.

YHWH made good on His Promise to Abraham.

Genesis 21:1-3 (KJV)

[1] And YHWH visited Sarah as he had said, and YHWH did unto Sarah as he had spoken. [2] For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. [3] And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.

God tells Abraham that in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

Genesis 21:12 (KJV)

12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

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Next, you'll learn how God tested Abraham.

Genesis 22:1-2 (KJV)

[1] And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. [2] And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Abraham obeyed YHWH and took his only son, given him by God of the Promise, and was ready to sacrifice him to God.

Genesis 22:10-12 (KJV)

[10] And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. [11] ¶ And the angel of YHWH called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. [12] And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

Abraham received a blessing for his obedience to YHWH.

Genesis 22:15-18 (KJV)

[15] ¶ And the angel of YHWH called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, [16] And said, By myself have I sworn, saith YHWH, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: [17] 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; [18] And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Because of Abraham's obedience to God, YHWH blesses Abraham stating He will multiply Abraham's seed as the stars of heaven and the sand on the shore. Abraham's seed shall possess the gates of his enemies and in the seed of Abraham shall all nations of the earth be blessed.

Next you will see this Promise carried over to Isaac's son Jacob.

Genesis 25:34-26:1-3

[34] Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright. [1] ¶ 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. [2] And YHWH appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: [3] Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto

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thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father; [4] 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; [5] Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

The Holy Bible shows that Jacob received the Promise or Oath God Swore to Abraham to make his seed as the stars of heaven, all the land, “these countries” will be given to his seed, and all nations of the earth shall be blessed by his seed.

Later YHWH appears to Jacob and repeats His promise God made to Abraham.

Genesis 26:24 (KJV)

[24] And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham’s sake.

God appears a third time to Jacob, this in a dream, and proclaims His Promise to Jacob.

Genesis 28:10-15 (KJV)

[10] ¶ And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. [11] And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. [12] And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. [13] And, behold, YHWH stood above it, and said, I am YHWH God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; [14] 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. [15] And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

The next important mention of the word “seed”, referring to the Promise, is the book of Second Chronicles and refers to the land give to Abraham’s seed.

2 Chronicles 20:5-7 (KJV)

[5] And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, [6] And said, O YHWH God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee? [7] Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?

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The next Holy Scripture as pertains to this study is found in the Book of Psalms.

Psalms 18:49-50

[49] Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name. [50] Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

Note the above Holy Scripture speaks of YHWH's King, and His Anointed, to David, and to his seed for ever more.

Are these not merely speaking about Israel's king David, but the seed of David and David's House out of which will one day arise a King, be YHWH's Anointed, to rule David's kingdom forever more?

With that question in mind, look at the next Holy Psalm.

Psalms 22:1-31 (KJV)

[1] « To the chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David. » My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

[2] O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

[3 ] But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

[4] Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

[5] They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

[6] But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

[7] All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

[8 ] He trusted on YHWH that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

[9] But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

[10] I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.

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- [11] ¶ Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.
- [12] Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.
- [13] They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.
- [14] I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.
- [15] My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.
- [16] For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.
- [17] I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.
- [18] They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.
- [19] But be not thou far from me, O YHWH: O my strength, haste thee to help me.
- [20] Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.
- [21] Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.
- [22] ¶ I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
- [23] Ye that fear YHWH, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.
- [24] For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.
- [25] My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
- [26] The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.
- [27] All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.
- [28] For the kingdom is YHWH'S: and he is the governor among the nations.
- [29] All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.



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[30] **A seed shall serve him;** it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.

[31] They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

The Very first line of the Psalm reads “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” this exactly what JESUS cried as he was nailed upon the Cross as testified in Matthew and Mark.

Matthew 27:46 (KJV)

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Mark 15:34 (KJV)

And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Also note the passages in the Holy Psalm.

[6] But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

[7] All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

[8 ] He trusted on YHWH that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

Again, this Psalm lines up with the Messiah, the Anointed of God, who was despised of men.

Isaiah 53:3 (KJV)

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

The next line “All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, [8 ] He trusted on YHWH that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.” Again, this refers to JESUS as He is mocked while upon the cross.

Matthew 27:39 (KJV)

[39] And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, [40] And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. [41] Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with

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the scribes and elders, said, [42] He saved others; himself he cannot save. **If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. [43] He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him:** for he said, I am the Son of God.

Behold the next three lines in this Holy Psalm.

“[16] For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. [17] I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. [18] **They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.**”

Here again we see descriptive Word of JESUS the Christ as he was pierced in His hands and feed on the cross. The Scriptures says “**they look and stare upon me**” and then “**they cast lots upon my vesture**”. This again is perfect Type and shadow of JESUS on the cross.

Matthew 27:35

And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, **They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.**

Luke 23:34

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. **And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.**

There are so many types and shadows in this Psalm of Christ, but the last one you'll study are following four lines.

“[28] For the kingdom is YHWH'S: and he is the governor among the nations. [29] All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul. [30] **A seed shall serve him;** it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. [31] They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.”

The Holy Scriptures says that “**A Seed shall serve Him**”, shall serve YHWH. Notice it says a Seed, not seeds as in a plural of many, but one Seed. This Seed is certainly the Anointed of God, His Christ and Israel's Redeemer.

JESUS indeed spoke to Jews who sought to kill him saying search the Scriptures: and they are which testify of me.

John 5:39 (KJV)

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

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Continuing on in the Holy Scriptures the seed is mentioned in Psalm 69.

Psalm 69:33-36 (KJV)

[33] For YHWH heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners. [34] Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein. [35] For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession. [36] The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

Here is mentioned the seed of his servants who will inherit the cities of Judah the same house of David out of which Christ, JESUS will arise.

The next Holy Scripture in the book of Psalms refers to this seed of David.

Psalm 89:1-4 (KJV)

[1] ¶ « Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite. » I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

[2] For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

[3] I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,

[4 ] Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.

Note that this Seed, “Thy Seed” God says will establish “forever”, and His “Throne to all generations.” Again, we see a type and a shadow of things to come with JESUS, YHWH’s Servant David, the Seed of the house of David. His kingdom shall be established forever and His Throne to all generations.

Read the following Holy Psalm.

Psalm 89:20-29 (KJV)

[20] I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:

[21] With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

[22] The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

[23] And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

[24] But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

[25] I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.

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[26] He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.

[27] Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.

[28] My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

[29] His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

Note all the words describing David my servant. He shall be Anointed by God, He shall be established by God, God's faithfulness and mercy shall be with Him, In YHWH's Holy name shall He be exalted, He shall cry unto God saying Father, My God. He shall be the first born and higher the kings of the earth, a King of kings. He shall have God's mercy and YHWH's Covenant. His seed is to endure forever and His Throne as the days of heaven, in other words forever.

Now look at the prophet Ezekiel who mentions "David my servant."

Ezekiel 37:21-28 (KJV)

[21] 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: [22] 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: [23] Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. [24] **And David my servant** shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. [25] And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and **my servant David shall be their prince for ever.** [26] Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. [27] My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [28] And the heathen shall know that I YHWH do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

It's clear that Ezekiel is a prophet which existed much later then the times of the first king David. Therefore, this promise by God mentions a new "David my servant" who shall be King over Israel, and the Shepherd. Also "My servant David shall be their Prince forever.

Recall to mind the Word of the prophet Isaiah.

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Isaiah 9:6-7 (KJV)

[6] For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace.** [7] Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, **upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.** The zeal of YHWH of hosts will perform this.

These next two Holy Scriptures of the prophet Isaiah seem to refer to Israel, but both have types and shadows of the Holy Seed which is Christ.

Isaiah 41:8-11 (KJV)

[8] But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. [9] Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, **Thou art my servant;** I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. [10] ¶ Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, **I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.** [11] **Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded:** they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.

Isaiah 44:1-4 (KJV)

[1] ¶ Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: [2] Thus saith YHWH that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen. [3] For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: **I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:** [4 ] And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

The next Holy Scripture speaks of God's Covenant and Israel's Redeemer.

Isaiah 59:20-21 (KJV)

[20] And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith YHWH. [21] As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith YHWH; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith YHWH, from henceforth and for ever.

Note God promises that His Spirit shall be upon Israel (Jacob) and God Holy Words shall not depart out of the mouth of Israel's Seed or the mouth of their seed's seed.

Again, the following Holy Scripture refers to Israel's seed.

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Zechariah 8:11-13 (KJV)

[11] But now I will not be unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith YHWH of hosts. [12] For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. [13] And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong.

The next Holy Scripture in the context of this study is found in the Book of Luke in the New Testament. Here Mary the mother of Jesus rejoices to God.

Luke 1:46-55 (KJV)

[46] And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, [47] And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. [48] For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. [49] For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. [50] And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. [51] He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. [52] He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. [53] He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. [54] He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; [55] As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

The next New Testament Holy Scripture refers to Christ coming out of the seed of David.

John 7:37-41 (KJV)

[37] ¶ In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. [38] He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. [39] (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) [40] Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. [41] Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? [42] Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?

In the next Holy Scripture refers to David's seed through which God raised to Israel a Savior.

Acts 13:21-23 (KJV)

[21] And afterward they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years. [22] And when he had removed

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him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will. [23] Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:

Again, one can see this clearly in the book of Romans where the apostle Paul teaches that JESUS the Christ was made of the seed of David.

Romans 1:1-6 (KJV)

[1] ¶ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, [2] (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) [3] Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; [4] And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: [5] By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: [6] Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

In the next Holy Scriptures Paul teaches that the Promise by YHWH to Abraham was made from Abraham's Faith, through the righteousness of faith.

Romans 4:9-25-5:1-2 (KJV)

[9] ¶ Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. [10] How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. [11] And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: [12] And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised. [13] For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. [13] For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. [14] For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: [15] Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. [16] Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, [17] ¶ (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. [18] Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. [19] And being not weak in

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faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: [20] He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; [21] And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. [22] And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. [23] ¶ Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; [24] But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; [25] Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. [5:1] ¶ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: [2] By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Notice closely what Paul is speaking referring to the seed of Abraham.

Romans 9:1-10 (KJV)

[1] ¶ I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, [2] That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. [3] For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: [4] Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; [5] Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen. [6] ¶ Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: [7] Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. [8] That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. [9] For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son. [10] And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;

In the next Holy Scripture in book of Galatians one learns that Promise of God to Abraham to his seed was much narrower in fulfillment.

Galatians 3:11-18

[11] But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. [12] And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. [13] Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: [14] That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. [15] Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. [16] Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. **He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.** [17] And this I



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say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. [18] For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

Here Paul teaches that Christ is the fulfillment of the Promise made to Abraham by YHWH.

**“He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.”**

Continuing in this context, the apostle Paul shows that those in Christ are also Abraham’s seed, heirs according to the Promise of YHWH to Abraham.

Galatians 3:22-29

[22] But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. [23] But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. [24] Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. [25] But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. [26] For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. [27] For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. [28] 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. [29] And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Lastly the book of Hebrews testifies that Christ came in flesh of Abraham’s seed.

Hebrews 2:14-17 (KJV)

[14] ¶ Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; [15] And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. [16] For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. [17] Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

It’s clear from this study of the Holy Scriptures that YHWH promise to Abraham’s Seed, was fulfilled in Christ JESUS and HIS seed after Him which are the children of the Promise, not merely only the children of flesh, but rather the children of the Spirit of Almighty God.

“And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

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ou've now gone through the Bible understanding that Israel was key to God's plan. Next you will see the fruit of God's plan for His people Israel.

The Book of Revelation speaks of the gathering of all Israel by God, in what many Christians know today as the so-called "rapture of the church".

While it is impossible for us to fully understand all that is in the book of Revelation; or know at all what great future plans God has in store for His people, we can certainly glean some things from studying the Holy Scriptures.

We are told to study to show ourselves approved unto God.

2nd Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Sadly, many Christians today are listening to their own pastor rather than open up The Book and read and study it for themselves. More Christians today rely on charts, books on prophesy, radio programs, videos, read daily devotionals etc., rather than open up the Holy Bible, and open their mind, and their hearts to see what God's Word actually says—and how all of it amazingly will fit to together revealing to those who study it the Wisdom, Power and Glory of Almighty God.

As a result, the 144,000 of Israel in the seventh chapter in the book of Revelation is completely misunderstood by many. JESUS' Apostles said we should prove all things and try the spirits to see if they are of God.

1st Thessalonians 5:21 (KJV)

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

1st John 4:1 (KJV)

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Instead of obeying Christ's apostles, modern Christianity is content to believe a lie. Most are content to believe the fable that "the Jews today of the modern state of Israel" is "the entire House of Israel" and will be gathered to God in Revelations 7.

As a direct result, millions of Christians look to the Middle East for answers and await a new temple to be raised by the Jews on the earth, to worship God when He returns with all their sacrifices in Jerusalem etc.

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The Word of God appears to speak of something else. To understand the correct interpretation, you must believe in Christ and be a student of HIS Word. That fact alone negates a huge majority of the modern-day Zionist state of Israel's population today. After all, only between 10,000 to 20,000 (of all 9,411,430 inhabitants of the state of Israel) today Messianic Jewish believers of Jesus Christ.

As Isaiah 42:18-19 states of God's Servants, they are oft times blind to the truth.

Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see. [19] Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the Lord's servant?

Who was God talking to?

A servant of His people Israel.

There is a lot of information in Revelation 7 that is overlooked by the majority in Christendom today. God willing, this next study will hopefully bring out some of those hidden nuggets of God's holy hidden Treasure.

The first common mistake made by Christians today in Revelation 7, regards to the 144,000 as described in the Holy Bible as, of all 12 tribes of Israel Jacob. When we read it actually says “**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.**”

Notice, it does not say one tribe-Judah - the Jews.

If it said only one tribe of the Jews, then that would be different story, but it does not say that. Nor does it say one tribe, only the tribe of Judah. If it stated, “only the tribe of Judah” then that would mean only the Judahites, or where we get the commonly used term “the Jews” from.

As already covered, there were eleven other tribes of the children of Israel. And one tribe was named the tribe of Ephraim, another the tribe of Manasseh, another the tribe of Naphtali, another of the tribe of Asher, the tribe of Zebulun etc. But they were not nor ever known as “Jews”, rather they are known as “Israelites”.

The only other tribe that could ever be considered as a JUDAHITE, is the tribe of Benjamin— as it was a part of the “kingdom of Judah” from whence we get the Biblical usage of the modern term “Jew.”

The word “Jew” is an English translation for a Hebrew word which came in the Hebrew Scriptures as Yehuwdiy, yeh-hoo-dee'; patronymic from Hebrew 3063 (Yehuwdah); a Jehudite (i.e. Judaite or Jew), or descendant of Jehudah (i.e. Judah) :- Jew.

The word “Jews” in this context, refers not to those who practiced “Judaism” (which came about from the halakhah [oral law] far after the Babylonian captivity and

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destruction of the temple), rather this word refers to those of the Israelite “kingdom of Judah” (in Jerusalem)

So, that means one of the twelve tribes is named Judah or those of “the lion tribe of Judah” (which Christ came out of). The others are the rest of the twelve tribes.

Rev. 5:5 (KJV)

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

What is most interesting is that before this so-called “rapture of the Church”—those who are clothed in white robes and palms in their hands before the throne of God—takes place, God commands the angels of the four corners of earth to seal all of God’s Servants. Revelation 7:4 records the number of those “servants” who are sealed with the “seal of the Living God” as “an hundred and forty and four thousand” and we all see that they are stated as “of all the tribes of the children of Israel.”

Notice closely is says, “[of all the tribes of the children of Israel.](#)” Note, it does not say ALL of the twelve tribes of Israel, it simply says “of all the tribes”. It’s highly possible this could mean that what is being represented could very well be only a portion and not all of God’s Israel-the entire inhabitants of the twelve tribes.

Again, most Christians when they read this, assume and believe this is "the Jewish people" today who are they say (Jews) “God’s chosen people” and who will be “raptured from the state or land of Israel.”

That is not what this says at all. Read it in full.

Rev. 7:1-17 (KJV)

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

[2] And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

[3] Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

[4] 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.

[5] Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

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[6] Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.

[7] Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

[8] Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

[9] After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

[10] And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

[11] And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

[12] Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

[13] And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

[14] And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

[15] Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

[16] They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

[17] For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

To understand this Scripture in the most, if not completely perfect understanding [for I don't claim perfection and no man's doctrine is perfect], one needs to understand a few things mainly by reading the Holy Bible looking for the clues in the Word of God.

First, anyone who is as the church today says, "raptured," has to be sealed with the seal of the living God.

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Also notice closely that in Revelation seven, it shows that the angels seal “the servants” in the scripture it says, “[we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads](#)”.

The word “servant” is used in most cases throughout the Holy Bible by God to express Israel.

[Exodus 32:13 \(KJV\)](#)

[Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.](#)

[Leviticus 25:42 \(KJV\)](#)

[For they are my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold as bondmen.](#)

God refers to his servants by name in [Leviticus 25:55](#).

[For unto me the children of Israel are servants; they are my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I am YHWH your God.](#)

Notice that Revelation 7 is referring to a gathering of God’s servants. Next read Psalm 50:5 written likely by king David. It states.

[Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.](#)

This scripture of psalms most likely refers to Israel and also could be type a shadow of things to come referring to the sacrifice by Christ and His Covenant.

Notice the words “[Gather my saints](#)”

Then notice what [Rev. 14:12 \(KJV\)](#) reveals about God’s saints.

[Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.](#)

So, we see that His saints keep the commandments of God, and the faith of JESUS Christ. Next read from the book of the apostle John.

[John 3:33 \(KJV\)](#) speaks of the “testimony” of Christ and a “seal”

[He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.](#)

[2nd Timothy 2:19 \(KJV\)](#) also speaking of Christ and of “a seal”

[Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.](#)

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Now going back even further into the Old Hebrew Testament, we see a similar promise:

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (KJV)

Hear, O Israel: YHWH our God is one Lord: [5] And thou shalt love YHWH thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. [6] And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: [7] And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. [8] And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. [9] And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

JESUS, the Christ, in fact said this was the greatest commandment and the second is like it:

Matthew 22:34-40 (KJV)

But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. [35] Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, [36] Master, which is the great commandment in the law? [37] Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. [38] This is the first and great commandment. [39] And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. [40] On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

From these scriptures, it's pretty evident that the sign or “seal of the Living God” is that one loves the LORD [or YHWH] with all their heart, soul, and mind and keep his commandment as well the testimony/faith of JESUS possessing the Holy Spirit of God.

If one keeps the testimony/faith of JESUS Christ one has to then be in Christ or “dead in Christ” for only the dead in Christ shall arise.

To be dead in Christ, one must be Baptized into Christ. To become part of the Apostles Day “Church” which is the body of Christ, one must die into His death, His Baptism, His crucifixion and be covered by the blood of the Lamb—Baptism (immersed fully in water symbolic of the blood of the lamb shed for sin of the world) in the name of JESUS the Christ.

Look closely at what is revealed in Revelation 7:9-15, it says

[9] After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; [10] And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. [11] And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four

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beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, [12] Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. [13] And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? [14] And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15] Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

This Scripture states a great many details here; often always overlooked by many in the Church. It shows immediately after those of tribes of the children of Israel are gathered, there's suddenly this huge assembly of people adorned in white robes before God. We're also told it is a number so big no man could number. This sudden assembly includes "of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues," who are now standing before God's throne.

Many Christian preachers profess that this is a separate body from the first of the tribes of the children of Israel, they could be right... were it not for the description given to the second suddenly appearing mass of souls that will stand before YHWH's throne.

Now notice, there is no other description of another gathering, just that the angels seal the foreheads of the God servants and "there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel" gathered from the four corners of the earth and suddenly Boom! Or Whoosh! There appears a numberless mass before the throne of God.

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; [10] And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."

Well, you say, God is great and amazing. He's just faster than fast and all the sudden like. Many like to cite this scripture:

1st Corinthians 15:50-57

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. [51] Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, [52] In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. [53] For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. [54] So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. [55] O death, where is thy sting? O grave,



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where is thy victory? [56] The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. [57] But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice to whom Paul is speaking, and the “WE” is those in the Church—who are dead, crucified into Christ, and washed of their sins.

Well, what we may be reading here, I ask you to consider it, is that the group of folks “a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;” is likely none other than the rest of Yah’s PEOPLE ISRAEL! The Israel of God.

Note the words immediately following the numbering of those of the twelve tribes what it says, “After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude.”

There is only one gathering that takes place! Not a second. The first so called “rapture” describes a portion of Israel, but not ALL OF GOD’S PEOPLE ISRAEL.

The Bible clearly repeatedly reveals that the “a great multitude, which no man could number” is none other than God’s people, the Israel of God.

Revelation 7 is speaking of Israel and those who are strangers who have received an inheritance with Israel who were blessed by God to be living in the gates of the children of Israel or those who with all their heart and soul seek God to obey follow his way—through His Christ

Ezekiel 47:22-23 (KJV)

And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you: and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. [23] And it shall come to pass, that in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith YHWH God.

Many others will be present as well because they put their faith in JESUS and called on the name of the Lord YAHWEH / JESUS. After all, it’s God’s mercy and grace that anyone is there or written in the book of Life. He has called or chosen us!

Why do we feel that this mass is the 12 tribes of all Israel and not “the Church” like so many other theologians say? Because Israel is, if not the entire the true Church (the body of their redeemer Christ) it certainly is most of Israel’s twelve tribes lost into the Gentile’s church. When I mention “the church” I don’t mean today’s “idea of the modern church.”

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Christ is the Church, Christ's true "Church" HIS body is more than likely made up of God's remnant people, **the children of Israel**, and **the stranger**, who also receive an inheritance as a part of the ISRAEL OF GOD.

It should be clear to anyone who closely studies the Scriptures that the words "a great multitude, which no man could number" is a direct description of the promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob — Israel and His offspring are of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.

If you don't agree or are unsure, then read Genesis 13:14-17 (KJV)

And YHWH 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: [15] For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. [16] 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. [17] Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

Next read Genesis 15:5 (KJV)

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.

Deuteronomy 28:62 (KJV)

And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the Lord thy God.

The book of the Prophet Hosea is the clearest example of all the Scriptures; it names the house of Israel (ten lost tribes) and it says one day they shall be called the "sons of the "LIVING GOD". Hosea 1:10 (KJV)

Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.

Paul, the apostle, speaking of the Gentiles, quotes Hosea who was prophesying of the House of lost scattered Israel—10 tribes. Read Romans 9:22-28 (KJV)

What if God, willing to shew His wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: [23] And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, [24] Even us, whom He hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? [25] As he saith also in Osee, I will call them My people, which were not My people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. [26] And it shall come to pass, that in the place

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where it was said unto them, Ye are not My people; there shall they be called the children of the living God. [27] Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: [28] For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

In Revelation 7:1-2 the angels have sealed God's servants by the "seal of the Living God"

Amazingly, many preachers will still argue, "No! It's the church! And the 144000 are all Israel".

Luke 6:39 (KJV)

And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?

Israel is obviously a part of the Church, and I certainly don't profess to know all. Again, they might be correct were it not for the fact they have over looked how God often works in His own WORD.

**While certainly a large percent of the Church could be the Israel of God, the Holy Bible attests that those in Christ JESUS are also those accounted to Promise of Abraham they are Abraham's Seed.**

Please try and understand, to correctly understand the interpretation of the 144000, one needs to go seriously back into the Hebrew Holy Law of YAH and see that YHWH whenever he required a sacrifice, or required a person or creature brought before him — and that they were the most holy, they were to be without blemish, sanctified, purified, washed clean, and formed perfect, first born often referred to as "virgins" or the "first fruits."

Exodus 23:19 (KJV)

The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of YHWH thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

Exodus 34:26 (KJV)

The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of YHWH thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

Leviticus 23:18-20 (KJV)

And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering unto YHWH, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet savour

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unto YHWH. [19] Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings. [20] And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the first fruits for a wave offering before YHWH, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to YHWH for the priest.

Leviticus 23:39-40 (KJV)

Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto YHWH seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath. [40] And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before YHWH your God seven days.

The feast mentioned here is the called the feast of tabernacles and then the last day is “the last great day of the LORD” or YHWH! Notice as part of this feast, they had to bring in the firstfruits of the land —also in this case the harvest.

Numbers 18:13 speaks of being first ripe.

And whatsoever is first ripe in the land, which they shall bring unto YHWH, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thine house shall eat of it.

Deut. 18:4 explains the various kinds of first fruits offered to YAH.

The firstfruit also of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give Him [YHWH].

Deuteronomy gives a good clue here. Notice the first fruits of the earth and it shall go into the House of YHWH and which Yah shall choose to place His Holy name —Jerusalem — or the New Jerusalem.

Deut. 26:2 (KJV)

That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that YHWH thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which YHWH thy God shall choose to place his name there.

Jeremiah 24:2 has another clue and fits with JESUS’ teaching of parable of the fig tree notice the figs are “First ripe.”

Jeremiah 24:2 (KJV)

One basket had very good figs, even like the figs that are first ripe: and the other basket had very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad.

Notice it’s “the tribe of Judah” (not to be confused with the secular Zionist “State of Israel”) which is first in all order of Revelation 7, JESUS also came first to the Jews [the

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Judahites of his day], who were of the house of Judah and Zechariah further confirms all this.

Zech. 12:7 (KJV)

YHWH also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.

Notice in Revelation 1, what it says about JESUS, the Christ. Christ [the Lamb of God] is the “first begotten of the dead who washes our sins with his own blood.”

Rev. 1:5 (KJV)

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Next notice in First Corinthians 15:19-28 that JESUS, the Christ, is also the first raised from the dead and has “become the first fruits” but not only is He the first fruits, as Christ is Vine or Branch, “the root of David” or “root of Jesse” He is “the first fruits of them that slept” those dead into Christ.

This powerful revealing Scripture goes on say “afterward they...” Who are “they?” “they that are Christ’s” and where are “they?” Answer: “at His coming!” Notice what it says next, “then cometh the end.” End of what you ask? The “end, when HE shall have delivered up the Kingdom to God, even the Father”—almighty YHWH!

1 Cor. 15:19-28 (KJV)

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. [20] But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. [21] For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. [22] For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. [23] But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. [24] Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. [25] For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. [26] The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. [27] For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. [28] And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

So, do you not see that Christ is not only of first fruits, but also those in Christ are also the first fruits; this is the first 144000—the gathering the first fruits of only a first ripe portion out of ALL of God’s remnant people Israel—all 12 tribes!

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As shown already this correlate perfectly in the Old Testament for at the great Holy feast times Israel was to deliver the first fruits.

Exodus 23:16 (KJV)

And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

Notice also that at this time when Israel is all gathered or “reaped” they will be brought again into the land promised to all Israel. Look at what happens when this occurs. Read Leviticus 23:10 (KJV).

Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

Did you notice the sheaf of first fruits is exactly same concept of the 144,000 of Israel.

Notice that when the 144,000 are gathered there are 12 tribes mentioned and each tribe there are 12,000 persons of each tribe.

[4] 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.

[5] Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

[6] Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.

[7] Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

[8] Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

Each of the tribes is 12,000 and 12 tribes for the 12 tribes of All Israel.

If you read this entire passage of Scripture closely you will notice something disturbing. One tribe of the original twelve may be missing or possibly had been purposely withheld—the Tribe of Dan, whose name means “Judgment.”

Also note the tribe of Joseph is mentioned as well as the tribe of Manasses, yet the tribe of Manasses is the supposed to be same name as one of two brothers of the tribes of Joseph his adopted sons: Ephraim and Manasseh. The tribe of Joseph is therefore interpreted to be the tribe of Ephraim the birthright holder of the tribe of Joseph

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Ezekiel 47:13 (KJV)

Thus saith YHWH God; This shall be the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph shall have two portions.

We simply don't know what happened to Dan. The Bible is clear though and points out that of all the tribes Dan was clearly the most disobedient and was guilty of great idol worship. We also know that in the book of Ezekiel, Dan is also mentioned given a portion in the land and a gate in the New Jerusalem. So, we're not entirely sure what to make of this.

Remember that JESUS called twelve disciples who he said would sit and judge the twelve tribes of Israel on twelve thrones.

Matthew 19:28

And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

One disciple, Judas, did not make it. Yet the apostles nearing the day of Pentecost, replaced Judas with a new disciple Matthias.

Acts 1:16-26 (KJV)

Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. [17] For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. [18] Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. [19] And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. [20] For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take. [21] Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, [22] Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection. [23] And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. [24] And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, [25] That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. [26] And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Does the tribe of Dan suffer the same fate as Judas? Only Yah knows this.

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Perhaps it has another meaning, as "Judgment" appears to be absent from the 12 tribes of Israel, until of course, they receive "judgment" by God.

Hence [Genesis 49:16](#)

[Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel.](#)

Isn't God is truly awesome by the way He left clues all over the place in the Holy Bible? Read this and notice these clues in [Leviticus 23:17 \(KJV\)](#)

[Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto YHWH](#)

[“Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves”](#) the two royal divided houses of the 12 tribes of Israel and furthermore hinted is [“two wave loaves of two tenth deals”](#) two and ten make twelve as in the twelve tribes of Jacob or Israel! More hints, [“they shall be baked with leaven”](#) they will be of the very substance Yah often declared ill for leaven was often a type of sin, yet all men sin and are born into sin, yet we must repent and be washed clean of that sin by the blood of Christ . [“they are the firstfruits unto YHWH.”](#)

Here we have it, these are the first fruits the Twelve tribes of Israel!

Again, in the book of Numbers we have even more clues.

[Numbers 18:12 \(KJV\)](#)

[All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the firstfruits of them which they shall offer unto YHWH, them have I given thee.](#)

The following Scripture refers to the day of “first fruits”

[Numbers 28:26 \(KJV\)](#)

[Also in the day of the firstfruits, when ye bring a new meat offering unto the Lord, after your weeks be out, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:](#)

In the New Testament days, this was the Day of Pentecost when the Israel partook of a day of holy convocation after numbering fifty days from the day of first fruits or sheath offering. It's on this day, the wave offering of two loaves took place! It was also the day after the Sabbath (the first day of the week after the Feast of unleavened bread).

The Day of Pentecost was exact same day when the first day of the New Testament Church began, and was fifty days after JESUS the Christ was crucified, buried died and rose from the dead purging all sin from the seven-day Holy feast, being our Passover, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

[Acts 2:1-22 \(KJV\)](#)

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And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. [2] And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. [3] And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. [4] And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. [5] And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. [6] Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. [7] And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? [8] And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? [9] Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, [10] Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, [11] Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. [12] And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? [13] Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. [14] But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: [15] For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. [16] But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; [17] And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: [18] And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: [19] And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: [20] The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: [21] And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. [22] Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

Notice Peter did not address the crowd saying “you Gentiles and Jews” or you Greeks and Arabs,” no, he said “Ye men of Israel.”

Deuteronomy further shows what happens at this ceremony.

Deuteronomy 26:10 (KJV)

And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O YHWH, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before YHWH thy God, and worship before YHWH thy God:

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Again, Revelation 7 is exactly matching the first fruits gathered and Israel rejoiced before God Almighty appearing before his Throne!

Proverbs 3:9 (KJV)

Honour YAHWEH with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

Jeremiah further describes Israel as his First fruits.

Jeremiah 2:3 (KJV)

Israel was holiness unto YHWH, and the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith YHWH.

Revelation 7 is exactly fulfilled in this Prophecy found in Ezekiel!

Ezekiel 20:40 (KJV)

For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith YHWH 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.

Zechariah 14:20-21 (KJV)

In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in YHWH's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. [21] Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts.

This again is a perfect parable of what will happen in Revelation 7

The first fruits are “holy”

Ezekiel 48:14 (KJV)

And they shall not sell of it, neither exchange, nor alienate the firstfruits of the land: for it is holy unto YHWH.

Paul speaks of those in Christ as being the first fruits, but he also says of the adoption.

Romans 8:23 (KJV)

And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

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Look what Paul says concerning the “adoption.”

Romans 8:15 (KJV)

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Look at what else Paul says of those of the “adoption”

Romans 9:4 (KJV)

Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

Paul again teaches Jesus came to Redeem those who were under the law.

Galatians 4:5 (KJV)

To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

And in his letter to the Ephesians, Paul says not only the adoption of God, but Israel is chosen or predestined of God.

Ephesians 1:5 (KJV)

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Another reference.

Romans 16:5 (KJV)

Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my well beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

1st Corinthians 16:15 (KJV)

I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

James who wrote to the scattered tribes of the 12 tribes of Israel confirms this.

James 1:1 (KJV)

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

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James 1:18 (KJV)

Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Elsewhere in the book of Revelation confirms this.

Revelation 14:4 (KJV)

These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

So, the question my brothers and sisters— who are Christians— should be asking is, if the Bible in Revelations speaks only of the 12 tribes of Israel then what about the rest of Christianity today?

Well, a large portion of Israel could very well be of today's Church, (those that have been baptized into Christ and keeping his faith and keeping His Commandments.

After all, who do you think JESUS was sent to? Amazingly JESUS himself answered this very question many a times in the Holy Bible. The problem is our pastors today, just don't want to hear it

Matthew 15:24 (KJV)

But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

JESUS spoke this to a Canaanite woman, He was only sent (by HIS Father) to the House of Israel, which could mean the house of Jacob all twelve tribes of Israel or could mean the house of Judah who at that time were only recognizable house of Israel. Those who love YHWH and HIS Son JESUS the Christ or YEHSUA (Yehoshuwa) which means YAHWEH saves!

Do you understand what Jesus may have likely meant when He said I am come in "My Father's name?" Read John 5:43

I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

The Name of JESUS where by no other name under heaven men can be saved means in Hebrew YHWH Saves or "Salvation."

Acts 4:12 (KJV)

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

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Look at what the Spirit said of those who overcome what they will wear and what HE will do for them.

Revelation 3:5 (KJV)

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Here the Lord, JESUS speaks of his servant Saul, an Israelite. Notice where does JESUS send Paul and why?

Acts 9:14-15 (KJV)

And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. [15] But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

It is clear from this study that the “church” of Christ—the true church—those believing and baptized into the Christ possessing the Holy Spirit of God, are more than likely the first fruits and they are comprised of His promised people Israel chosen, predestined, and called, by God.

Won’t you follow the call that God is now calling to you, and answer it. The book of Acts is crystal clear what is required to do to be there in front of Jesus, before the throne of God.

Acts 2:37-41 (KJV)

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? [38] Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. [39] For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. [40] And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. [41] Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

It is my sincerest prayer that you will be pricked to the heart—that if you have not yet accepted JESUS and His Faith in truth and have not been baptized in His Name, then first read the Holy Word of God—the Holy Bible—to prove and show yourself approved unto God. Then Seek His face in Truth, calling on His name and repent of all your sins before Him.

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After you repent, then in true faith be washed in the blood of the Lamb of God— in Baptism (the immersion of water), in the name of YESHUA or JESUS, the Christ, and you too will be there with the 144000 or stand in white apparel with a palm branch in your hand worshipping before HIS Holy Throne with us to Glorify Almighty God! (YHWH willing!)

Remember we are saved, only when we shall be justified and approved before God!

Praise YHWH for He is Greatly to be praised! And His Mercy is never ending!

This concludes this Holy Bible study for now, but it is only the start for you toward your understanding of God's Glorious Gospel the Good News and I pray you will be alighted on fire for God's Holy Word, to READ YOUR HOLY BIBLE AND SEE WHAT GREAT WONDERS GOD HAS IN STORE FOR YOU AND YOUR LIFE WITH GOD.

All the Glory belongs to GOD!

May YHWH, May JESUS bless you and show and open to you all Truth, In the beautiful name of JESUS I pray. Amen.

Deuteronomy 7:6

For thou art an holy people unto YHWH thy God: YHWH thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

John 15:16

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

1st Peter 2:9-10 (KJV)

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: 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.