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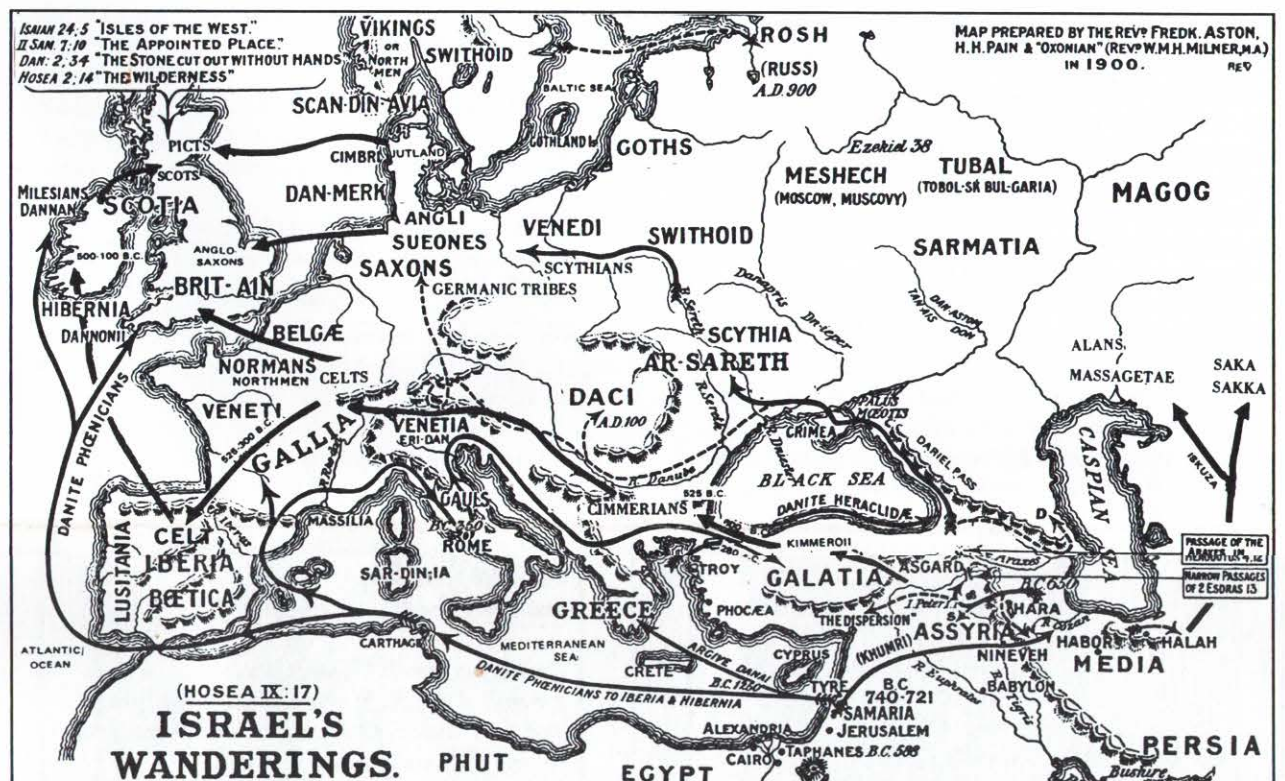
(1 Thessalonians 5:21)

Jesus said to his disciples concerning the last days in which we are living,

"Take heed that no man deceive you.
For many shall come in my name, saying, I
am Christ; and shall deceive many."
(Matthew 24:4-5)

In fact, Jesus warned of false Christs, and false prophets that would deceive if it were possible, "the very elect" (Matthew 24:24).

Today, there are those religionists and self-appointed biblical scholars who profess a doctrine of Christ yet preach a perverted gospel. Did not Paul in the book of Galatians also warn how many would become removed from the grace of Christ unto "another gospel" (Galatians 1:6-7)? These so-called theologians are quick to label anyone who does not blindly accept the traditional doctrines they preach as "cults". But I ask you which is the real cult? Moses repeated God's command that we "inquire, make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain..." (Deuteronomy 13:14). That is exactly what I have done. The Bible says, "Prove all things", and so I will.



From *Jacob's Pillar - A Biblical Historical Study*, by E. Raymond Capt, Dolores Press, Los Angeles, CA, c. 1977 illustrating the path of the wandering lost tribes through the heathen nations to the British Isles. The "SAKA" are the SAXONS or the "SONS OF ISAAC". Hibernia is the ancient name of Ireland, named after the Iberu (Hebrew).

REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY

There is a form of Anti-Semitic false theology being circulated today which is referred to as "Replacement Theology". This is the teaching that the Church has become biblical Israel. It is a statement in the form of a doctrine adopted by some fanatics who preach that "because the tribes of the Israelite nation of Judah on the whole rejected their Messiah, therefore God is finished with the Jewish nation and people". This could not be farther from the truth. Yet in putting down this false theology and attacking the proponents of replacement theology, certain Churchmen (including even some Messianic Jews and fundamentalist Christians) lump together under the label of "cult", those who have the courage and boldness to speak out and to tell God's truth about the people of Israel and the lost tribe nations. In proving that the lost tribe nations (the ten tribes of the Northern Kingdom of Israel) were Hebrews but not Jews and that God does in fact have a covenant with them as well as with the three Jewish tribes (Judah, Benjamin and Levi) of the Southern Kingdom of Judah, I am simply pointing out what the Jewish Old Testament prophets plainly wrote in the Hebrew scriptures. That is, namely that,

"For Jacob my servant's sake, and
Israel mine elect, I have called thee by thy
name." (Isaiah 45:4)

"One shall say, I am the Lords; and
another shall call himself by the name of
Jacob (Israel); and another shall subscribe
with his hand unto the Lord, and surname
himself by the name of Israel."
(Isaiah 44:5)

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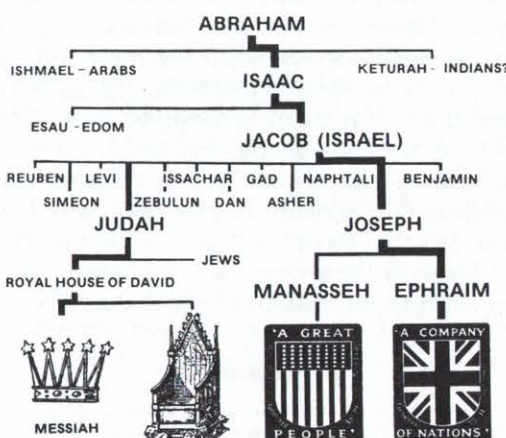
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THE LOST TRIBES - "LOST AND FOUND"

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JUDAH'S SCEPTRE AND JOSEPH'S BIRTHRIGHT
Jacob, when adopting the two sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh, set the younger son Ephraim ahead of Manasseh. Henceforth, Ephraim took Joseph's place as the chief tribe. Ephraim and Manasseh became half-tribes (in the place of Joseph) and thus we still speak of the twelve tribes of Israel, although there were actually thirteen.
Ephraim and Manasseh form the two branches descending from Joseph's tribe and are the recipients of Jacob's blessing:
"His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh." (Deut. 33:17)



From *Our Great Seal*, by E. Raymond Capt, Artisan Sales, CA, c. 1985

TWO NATIONS
TWO KINGDOMS

What Isaiah meant by this is specifically that there are two Israelite nations, one chosen and the other elected by the Lord. The Lord is speaking here in reference to two (2) separate and distinct nations. This cannot be made more plain. For the prophet Ezekiel stated in Chapter 37 that there were two nations and two kingdoms which were divided. He referred to these two kingdoms as two nations which would be united at the time of the End.

“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 (2) nations, neither shall they be divided into two (2) kingdoms anymore at all.” (Ezekiel 37:22)

Ezekiel was speaking to the whole House of Israel (Ezekiel 37:11) which consists of two separate kingdoms, the Northern Kingdom of the house of Israel (which are the ten lost tribes of Israel) and the Southern Kingdom of Judah which consists of the Jewish tribes, now known as the Nation of Israel (in the land of Israel). The Lord, through the prophet Ezekiel goes to great lengths to explain that the tribe of Judah together with his companions, the other Jewish tribes (all children of Israel since Jacob’s name was changed to Israel by God) are the brothers to the house of Joseph (which is also known as the house of Israel). The house of Joseph is lead by the chief tribe of Ephraim (Joseph’s first born son) and consists of the rest of his brothers, the tribes of Israel, his companions (See Ezekiel 37:16). God prophesied through the prophet Ezekiel that they shall become one nation at the time of the End (Ezekiel 37:17). The Lord then repeated this truth and expounded upon it, explaining that He would take the stick of Joseph which is in the hand of Ephraim (the chief tribe and the leader of the Northern Kingdom of the

King to them all (Ezekiel 37:22). Then He promises that they shall have one shepherd (Ezekiel 37:24). This is a repeat promise previously given to Ezekiel in an earlier chapter of Scripture where the Lord said,

“Therefore I will save my flock...and I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them...and he shall be their shepherd.” (Ezekiel 34:22-23)



LOST SHEEP

The Lord further explained,

“For thus saith the Lord God: Behold I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. 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 the places where they had been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land. I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be.” (Ezekiel 34:14)

The Lord then adds,

“I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away.” (Ezekiel 34:16)

Now perhaps we can have a better understanding and appreciation of the revelation of Jesus and to whom he was referring when he said,

“I am the good shepherd: The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)

“I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep.” (John 10:14)

“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.” (John 10:16)

Jesus was talking about the sheep of the lost tribes of the house of Israel, the Northern Kingdom which had been scattered away through the heathen nations and which had lost sight of God. Jesus sent forth his disciples and commanded them, saying,

“Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” (Matthew 10:5-6)

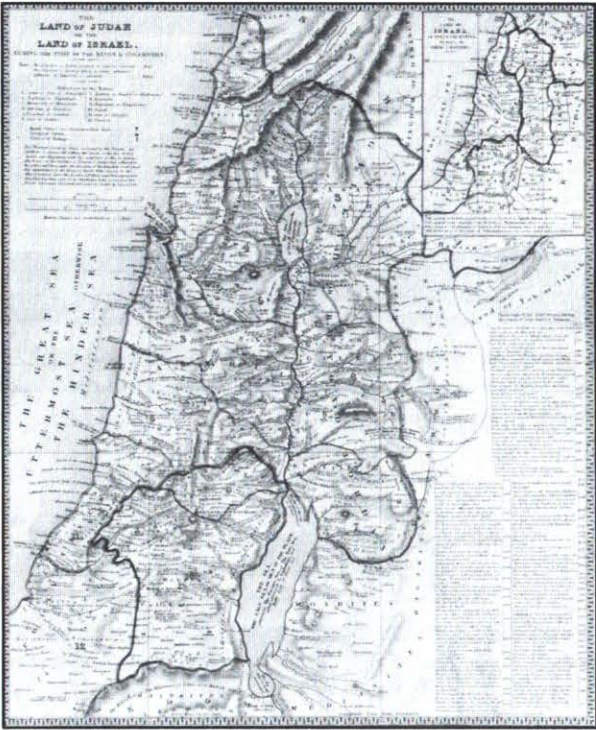
Jesus was not referring to the Jews at this point in time. He had already come to the Jewish nation and according to John,

“He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God.” (John 1:11-12)



THE UTTERMOST
PART OF THE EARTH

So Jesus knew very well where the lost tribes of Israel had gone and he sent his twelve disciples to seek them out. The disciples were commissioned to find the lost sheep of the house of Israel in the place where they had been scattered (the heathen nations). When we find the chief tribe of Ephraim, then we know that we have discovered the leader of the lost tribe nations.



Uttermost Sea: Ancient Name For Mediterranean Sea.

In the book of the prophet Hosea, the Lord said, “I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me.” (Hosea 5:3) Ephraim = Israel. The Lord knew where Israel was scattered because of their unfaithfulness to Him. The prophet Isaiah told us where they could be found:

“Wherefore glorify ye the Lord in the fires, even the name of the Lord, God of Israel in the isles of the sea.” (Isaiah 24:15)

“Isles of the sea” can also be translated “Isles of the West” in Hebrew. In the very next verse, Isaiah, the Jewish prophet declares that,

“From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous.” (Isaiah 24:16)

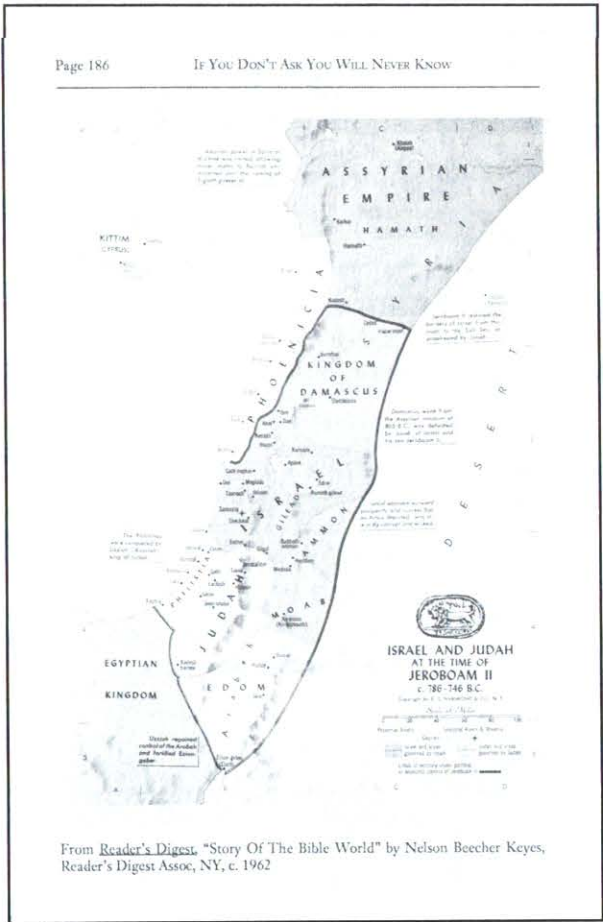
Isaiah is herein qualifying the previous sentence he had written. He is telling us that the Isles of the Sea are in the uttermost part of the earth. At the time of Jesus, the uttermost part of the earth was the British Isles! In the book of Mark it is written that in the Last Days,

“They shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth.” (Mark 13:26-27)

Jesus commanded his disciples,

“And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

Jesus was referring here to the place where the lost tribes had been scattered and from where they would be gathered at the End time. Now referring to an old 19th century map of the land of Israel drafted by Samuel Arrowsmith in 1835, we note that the Mediterranean Sea as we know it today was then called the Hinder Sea, the Great Sea or the Uttermost Sea. At the uttermost end of the Uttermost Sea we would naturally expect to find the uttermost end of the earth! And if you look at a map of the Mediterranean Sea today you will note that the Isles of the West (otherwise known as the British Isles) are to be found there. The ancient name for Spain was Iberia, named after the “Iberu” or “Hebrew” lost tribes of Israel. Similarly the ancient name for Ireland was called Hibernia also named for the Iberu.



ten lost tribes) together with the other tribes of the ten tribe kingdom of the north, and unite them with the stick of Judah (The Jewish tribes) to make them one (Ezekiel 37:19). Just so no one would fail to grasp this important biblical truth, the Lord for a third time repeated that He would take the children of Israel from among the heathen nations where they were driven and would gather them on every side and bring them back into their own land (Ezekiel 37:21). Obviously then, all the children of Israel are not yet back in their own land. By the process of deduction, they must be somewhere else! The Lord tells us that they are in the heathen nations where they were gone. He then says He will make them one nation in the land of Israel and one King shall be

THE ISLES HAVE IT

Isaiah the prophet was not finished He wrote also,

“The Isles saw it, and feared;
the ends of the earth were afraid.”
(Isaiah 41:5)

Isaiah was thereby linking the Isles of the West with the ends of the earth (the uttermost ends of the earth). Isaiah continued,

“The Isles shall wait for his law.”
(Isaiah 42:4)

The Isles did wait. The Law of the Hebrews (Torah) was brought by the lost tribes of Israel through the heathen nations to the land of Ireland by the prophet Jeremiah and the daughter of King Zedekiah (the last Judean King of Israel). There, Jeremiah founded a school for the prophets and the law was taught in the new capital called Tara, which sounds remarkably like the Hebrew word Torah meaning the law. This is a fulfillment of prophecy in the book of 2 Esdras Chapter 13:39-42,46 where it is written,

“You saw him gather another great crowd of peace loving people. These are the ten tribes of Israel who were taken away into captivity in the time of King Oshea. King Shalmaneser of Assyria captured them and deported them to a foreign land east of the River Euphrates. But the ten tribes decided not to stay in that land among the many Gentiles, so they moved... to a country where no human beings had ever lived before. There they hoped to keep their laws, which they had failed to keep in their own country..... Now in these last days they are coming back home.”

This is the law of the Hebrew people of the nation of Israel for which the Isles waited. The prophet Isaiah was not ignorant of the prophecy written in the second book of Esdras Chapter 13. Neither was the prophet Micah who wrote,

“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 2:12)

UNITED KINGDOM
DIVIDED

Micah continued in the very next verse of his book writing that the people had broken up (broken apart) and passed through the gate and were going out by it (Micah 2:13). The gate to which Micah referred was the same route that the lost tribes of Israel took when they passed through the gate of the Dariat Pass to the region of Arsareth. Is it only a coincidence that the Celtic tribes of the Western European nations appeared at the same time in history and at the exact same place where the Lost Tribes of Israel disappeared? If not, then they are one in the same! The book of 2 Esdras explains further, that at the End time the Lord will assemble the unbelieving nations for their Godliness, will confront them for their wicked plans and will destroy them in flames.

“Then he will easily destroy
them by means of the law. That is what the fire meant.” (2 Esdras 13:38)

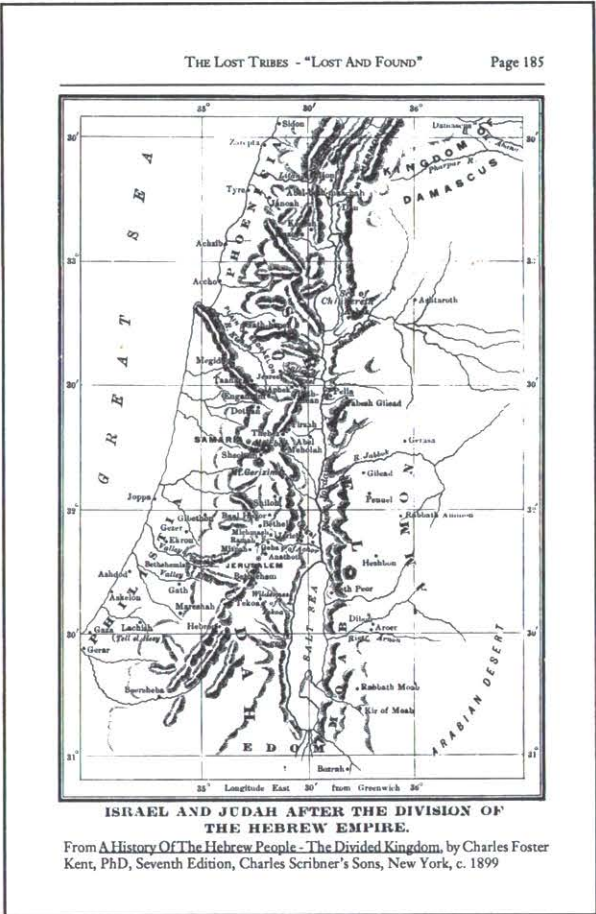
* The word “midst” means “middle”. The Hebrew word is “מצות” (emeth). Our English word comes directly from the Hebrew by way of Ireland! There is a county in the middle of Ireland called “Meath” which in old Irish translates “middle”. This Irish word is derived directly from the Hebrew as the (Th) sound in the English is interchangeable with the Hebrew letter “צ”.

Now if we refer back to the prophecy of Isaiah, might it be that Isaiah was referring to these very same fires when he wrote,

“Wherefore glorify ye the Lord in the fires,
even the name of the Lord God of Israel in
the isles of the sea.” (Isaiah 24:15)

In the very next verses Isaiah describes the punishment that will come upon the nations for their wickedness and unbelief (Isaiah 24:17-23).

For those New Testament believers who doubt that God meant what He said, there are two nations and two kingdoms at this time in the history of the world that constitute God’s people Israel. The twelve tribes of Israel became thirteen when Jacob, who was renamed Israel, passed on his blessings to Joseph’s sons, Ephraim and Manasseh making them two half tribes. Together, all the tribes of Israel formed the whole House of Israel and were known as the United Kingdom under King David and his son Solomon. Thereafter the United Kingdom was divided into the Northern and Southern kingdoms of Israel and Judah respectively. They were separate nations with separate kings ruling over them. In fact, they were all Israelites, all Hebrews, but only those of the Southern Kingdom were called Jews. A Jew was a descendant of Judah, the son of Jacob and Leah, or one of the other two tribes (Benjamin and Levi) which were allied with Judah and which belonged to the Southern Kingdom of Judah. The Jewish nation was formed by the union of these three tribes. Joseph, on the other hand, was the son of Jacob and Rachael, Leah’s sister. The ten tribes including Joseph were (half) brothers to the Jews, all sons of Israel and descendants of Abraham who worshipped



the God of their fathers until they later would sin against the Lord by worshiping false idols of wood and stone. Thereafter, the ten tribes were scattered throughout the heathen nations, while the Jewish tribes were subsequently dispersed for the same sin of unfaithfulness (Deuteronomy 32:20; Jeremiah 3:6-11). Only the Jews have presently returned to the land of Israel, the lost tribes are yet to return. This is brought out clearly by Caiaphas the high priest of Israel at the time of Jesus when he plotted with the Pharisees in a conspiracy to save his own skin and to preserve his place and position in the Roman hierarchy of things. Notice closely his words of prophecy recorded in the book of John:

“Then gathered the Chief Priest and
the Pharisees a council, and said, What do
we? for this man doeth many miracles
(referring to Jesus).

If we let him thus alone, all men will believe
on him: and the Romans shall come and
take away both our place and nation.

And one of them, named Caiaphas, being
the high priest that same year, said unto
them, Ye know nothing at all,

nor consider that it is expedient for us, that
one man should die for the people, and that
the whole nation perish not.

And this spake he not of himself: but being
high priest that year, he prophesied that
Jesus should die for that nation;

And not for that nation only, but that also
he should gather together in one the children
of God that were scattered abroad.”
(John 11:47-52)

SCATTERED WILL BE
GATHERED

It is quite apparent from our Bible, both the Old Testament and New, that there were two separate nations and kingdoms. One, the house of Israel (the lost tribes) was scattered abroad by God as a punishment. Ezekiel knew this. Hosea understood it. Isaiah knew it, and the Jewish high priest of Israel was aware of it as well. Now you know it too! The lost tribes are to be gathered soon and to be reunited with their Hebrew brothers, the Jews.

“And now, saith the Lord, that formed me
from the womb to be his servant, to bring
Jacob again to him (the Jews), Though
Israel (the lost tribes) be not gathered.”
(Isaiah 49:5)

As previously mentioned, these sons of Israel according to Hosea were to be scattered to a heathen nation and in that place would be worshiping idols of wood and stone. But one day they would become known as the “sons of the living God”, receiving the Gospel of Jesus Christ and becoming Christians in the place in which they were scattered. We see this prophecy being communicated in the book of the Prophet Hosea:

“Then said God, Call his name
Loammi: for ye are not my people and I will
not be your God.” (Hosea 1:9)

“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 1:10)

“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.”
(Hosea 1:11)



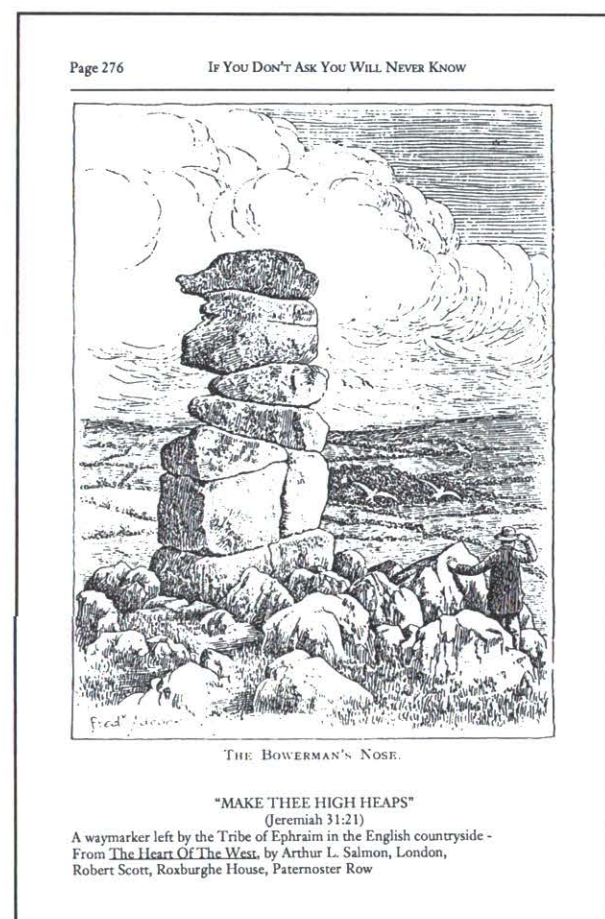
LANDMARKS MARK THE WAY

The lost sheep of the house of Israel, the ten tribe northern kingdom disappeared from God's sight and were scattered into the heathen nations where they worshiped idols of wood and stone as Moses predicted they would (Deuteronomy 4:28; 28:36; 28:64). Ephraim, the chief tribe of the northern kingdom migrated westward.

"Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind." (Hosea 12:1)

To trace the route of Ephraim, we need only refer to the prophet Jeremiah who provides us with a road map:

"Set thee up way marks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, even the way which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel." (Jeremiah 31:21)



Jeremiah tells us unequivocally that the tribe of Ephraim would leave marker stones or high heaps of stones marking the way it went. Interestingly enough, the word for "heap of stones" in Hebrew is the same as the Irish word Cairn (כַּרְן), meaning mound or hill.

EAST MEETS WEST

We know from history and observation that the Irish and English countryside are dotted with cairns and heaps of stones piled one upon another. We have often wondered as to their meaning. Now we know they were marker stones marking the way that Ephraim went following the east wind which blows west toward Europe. The word "Europe" itself in Greek mythology refers to a Phoenician princess carried off to the West (the Island of Crete) by Zeus, according to Isaac Mozeson in his language study entitled, "The Word". In the original Hebrew, we find that the word (Ma)urobh (מַעֲרֹב) means "West". The first Hebrew letter "Mem" is a directional prefix which is added to the root word spelled Ayin (ע) Resh (ר) Bet (ב) and which in English sounds like "Erebh" (ערב). This word means evening. West is the direction of the sunset which naturally occurs in the evening. Erebh or Urobh is thus the land of the "setting sun".

Conversely, Asia is the land of the "rising sun" (Japan for instance). The word Asia comes from the Hebrew word Aysh (אֵשׁ) which means "fire". The

Hebrew letters are aleph (א) shin (ש). Perhaps this is why the Japanese chose as their symbol the fiery ball of the rising sun. The Assyrian word for land of the rising sun is "Asu".* This land Asia has come to be named the land of the East. Europe is to the west of the Mideast while Asia is to the east of God's holy land.

* The Word, Isaac Mozeson, Shapolsky Publishers, New York, ©1989, p. 69

THE GOSPEL GOES TO THE GENTILES

The first chapter of the second book of Esdras which was originally part of the Apocrypha included in the King James version of the Bible shows conclusively that God considers the people of Israel as separate and distinct from the people of Judah (See 2 Esdras 1:24). The Lord even said,

"I begged you to be my people so that I could be your God, to be my children so that I could be your father. I gathered you together as a hen gathers her chicks under wings." (2 Esdras 1:29-30)

But because of their unfaithfulness, He declared,

"I will banish you from my sight." (2 Esdras 1:30)

The Lord added,

"I will give your home to a people that is about to appear. They will believe me even though they have not yet heard of me." (2 Esdras 1:35)

"They have not seen the prophets, but they will live by their ancient teachings." (2 Esdras 1:36)

"Those people have never seen me, but deep within them they will believe my words." (2 Esdras 1:37)

Those people to whom the Lord refers in the book of 2 Esdras are the Gentiles! It is for this reason that Isaiah prophesied that the Gospel would be given to the Gentiles.

"And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek." (Isaiah 11:10)

And concerning the Messiah of Israel, Isaiah wrote,

"I the Lord 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." (Isaiah 42:6)

Jesus claimed to be that light (John 8:12). He also used the exact words of God in describing how he would have gathered together the house of Judah and the house of Israel as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings (Compare 2 Esdras 1:30 with Matthew 23:37). Concerning his own people who refused his offering of Salvation and who rejected him when he came, the book of 2 Esdras records the words of the Lord,

"I gave them commandments through my servants, the prophets, but they refused to listen and ignored my teachings." (2 Esdras 2:1)

God then says,

"So I mourned in deep grief when I lost you." (2 Esdras 2:3)

Because his people refused to keep His covenant (2 Esdras 2:5) the lost sheep of the house of Israel (the Northern Kingdom of ten tribes) would be:

"Scattered among the nations, and no one on earth will remember them any longer, for they have despised my covenant." (2 Esdras 2:7)

Concerning his own people, the Jewish Messiah of Israel (Jesus) said as recorded in the second book of Esdras,

"But when I went to them, they rejected me and refused to listen to what the Lord commanded. That is why I am speaking to you Gentiles. You are ready to listen and understand: 'Wait for your shepherd who is coming very soon, at the end of the age, to give you eternal rest.'" (2 Esdras 2:33-34)

PROVOKED TO JEALOUSY

It was Paul who wrote that the Gospel went to the Gentiles to provoke the Jews to jealousy:

"But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you." (Romans 10:19; see also Deuteronomy 32:21)

Paul continued by saying that the prophet Isaiah wrote about the Messiah being rejected by his own people and found by a strange people (the Gentiles)

"But Esaias (the Greek name for Isaiah) is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me." (Romans 10:20; see also Isaiah 65:1)

Paul then asked and answered the question as to what would be the plight of the Jews after the Gospel was given to the Gentiles?

"I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy." (Romans 11:11)

Now referring back to the words of Moses, he warned his people at Mount Sinai that they should hearken unto the words of the Lord, and listen to the Prophet like Moses who would one day come to them speaking words that God had commanded him to speak (Deuteronomy 18:15-18). But when he came, they did not listen.

Looking back now at Moses' prophetic words of warning, he foretold the coming of the Jewish Messiah of Israel who would speak in God's name. Speaking for the Lord, Moses said that the people should,

"Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him." (Exodus 23:21)

Moses received a prophecy concerning what would befall the sinful house of Israel after his death:

"And the Lord said unto Moses, behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them. Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them..." (Deuteronomy 31:16-17)

The Lord did as He said He would when He scattered the lost sheep of the house of Israel into a strange land where they worshiped gods of wood and stone. The Celtic Druids were the high priests (like the Hebrew priests) who sacrificed in groves. The ancients of Ireland were pagans who worshiped like their heathen neighbors idols of wood and stone set up as altars in Celtic circles.

THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

Now I shall present more proof that those of the Irish race are among the lost tribes of Israel. Those scoffers and skeptics who would attempt to refute the facts that I offer have no facts of their own to support their arguments. Their arguments are as weak as clay. All they can claim is that “it cannot be so” because they have no rebuttal evidence. They cannot quote the Scriptures to support their position. So they scream rather loudly about a cult called the British Israelites and claim that anyone that puts credence into these facts is on unsteady ground. I contend just the opposite that it is those who have no facts to offer who are standing on shifting sand. As a Lawyer I know that in any court of law, before submitting facts into evidence, it is first necessary to lay a proper foundation. Therefore, I shall now demonstrate the biblical support for my claim. A sound knowledge of biblical prophecy is a must in order to fully comprehend the facts. Without such a basic understanding of the prophets of old and what they had to say on the subject of the lost tribes of Israel, anyone who undertakes to study their identity and their whereabouts is himself already lost!



LOST ISRAEL

Remember now, that Jesus himself instructed his disciples to,

“But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” (Matthew 10:5-6)

Jeremiah the Jewish prophet also knew this truth, for he proclaimed much earlier,

“Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the King of Assyria hath devoured him, and the last this Nebuchadrezzar King of Babylon hath broken his bones.” (Jeremiah 50:17)

Jeremiah continued that the Lord promised to:

“bring (lost) Israel again to his habitation... and his soul shall be satisfied upon Mount Ephraim and Gilead.” (Jeremiah 50:19)

Obviously then, the house of Israel was somewhere else other than their original place of abode (Mount Ephraim, being located in the Northern Kingdom of the ten tribes of the house of Israel). Jeremiah went on to explain, that in the last days

“...the children of Israel shall come (home), they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping; they shall go, and seek the Lord their God. They shall ask the way to Zion (Jerusalem) with their faces thitherward, saying, come, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten. My people have been lost sheep... they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place.” (Jeremiah 50:4-6)

What Ezekiel had prophesied before, Jeremiah confirmed,

“In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel (notice they are two different nations) and they shall come together out of the land of the north (there is no word in Hebrew for northwest) to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.” (Jeremiah 3:18)

As we know one cannot walk together with someone if he is one in the same. Jeremiah was therefore speaking of two separate nations. But where had the house of Israel gone and why was it scattered away from the Lord? The prophet Jeremiah explains that the house of Israel was worshipping idols of wood and stone and that God was sorely displeased;

“As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests and their prophets, saying to a stock (wood), thou art my father; and to a stone, thou hast brought me forth.” (Jeremiah 2:26-27)

Since the house of Israel did not obey the Lord, the Lord kept His word:

“But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the Lord.” (Jeremiah 12:17)

The Lord desired that both the house of Israel and the house of Judah be faithful to Him but they would not.

“So have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah saith the Lord; that they (both) might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not bear.” (Jeremiah 13:11)

“Therefore will I scatter them as stubble that passeth away by the wind of the wilderness.” (Jeremiah 13:24)

IRE/ירה
HUR – AH

ROOTS: IRE (anger) is from Latin ira (wrath). ירה/HĀRĀ is to be angry (Genesis 4:6; Deuteronomy 29:23). The same Hebrew term means to “burn or kindle”.

IRATE and IRE are no doubt derived from the Hebrew ירה/HĀRE or KHĀRE (burning anger).

THE LAND OF GOD’S WRATH – IRELAND

The Lord did not leave us without a clue as to which way that wind would blow. Again a reminder:

“And I will make then to pass... into a land which thou knowest not: for a fire is kindled in my anger (wrath).” (Jeremiah 15:14)

Remember this last saying of the Lord,

“For a fire is kindled in my anger (wrath).” (Jeremiah 15:14)

This verse of Scripture gives the ultimate and definitive clue as to the identity of the land to which the chief tribe of the lost tribes of Israel, namely Ephraim or Joseph would be scattered. God repeats,

“Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night: where I will not show you favor.” (Jeremiah 16:13)

In other words, the Lord would scatter the house of Israel away into a strange new land where their fathers had never been before. There they would worship false gods and God would not show them favor or mercy. They would no longer be His people. Scattered, not having mercy, not His people, this is the condition in which they would find themselves in a strange new land where they would be worshipping day and night, gods of wood and stone! This brings to mind the prophetic words of Moses:

“I said I will scatter them into corners, I would the remembrance of them to cease from among men.” (Deuteronomy 32:26)

“I will hide my face from them.” (Deuteronomy 32:20)

“they have provoked me to anger... and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. For a fire is kindled in mine anger.” (Deuteronomy 32:21-22)

“For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with the everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, said the LORD thy Redeemer.” (Isaiah 54:7-8)

Where is the land of God’s wrath where He scattered Israel when a fire was kindled in His anger? According to Jeremiah and Moses it must be a new and unknown land, a strange land (Jeremiah 15:14). Is it Ireland? We need not guess. God has provided us with a definite answer. It is in His Word. As you know, English is written from left to right and Hebrew from right to left. But anyway you look at it the English language has irrefutably been derived from the Hebrew. A brief look at both alphabets will convince you of this. Most of our English words can be traced back to their Irish and Hebrew roots. If we would like to know the name of the land of God’s anger (or wrath) we need only look in an English dictionary. The word “Ire” is the word we use for anger. This English word it is thought comes from the Latin “Ira” which means wrath. When we examine the Hebrew word for anger (ירה/hara) we find this word means to be angry. The Latin word is identical in sound to the Hebrew from which it obviously comes! It also means “to burn or kindle” from which we get the word “char”. The Hebrew word “hara” means “burning anger”. The land of God’s wrath or burning anger is thus “Ire”land. Whether we pronounce it in English or read it in Hebrew it is still the same (Ireland). God certainly moved His people Israel to jealousy with those which are not a people. He moved them to the British Isles where a fire was kindled in His anger! I guess you could say because He was Irate, He moved His people to Ireland. Jeremiah knew it. Isaiah knew it and Moses knew it. Now you know it too. Did not Moses tell us,

“The Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought: and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to posses it.” (Deuteronomy 28:63)

The Lord promised that He would scatter the house of Israel among the nations, and in that place they would serve gods the work of mens hands, wood and stone (Deuteronomy 4:26-28).

“And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.” (Deuteronomy 28:64)

When Moses wrote these prophetic words, he was telling us in advance that God was going to take His people the house of Israel and move them from one end of the earth to the other because of their worship of Baal.

There was an old practice of Israelite priests to build altars of unhewn stones....The Lord directed His people to:

“Set thee up great stones, and plaster them with plaster....” (Deuteronomy 27:2)

The book of Deuteronomy further records these instructions,

“And there shalt thou build an altar unto the Lord thy God, an altar of stones; thou shalt not lift up any iron tool upon them. Thou shalt build the altar of the Lord thy

God of whole stones: and thou shalt offer burnt offerings thereon to the Lord.” (Deuteronomy 27:2-6)

The Celtic priests built altars of wood and stone (unhewn stone) untouched by iron tools. They were “maysons” or masons and used plaster to lay stone upon stone to make their temples, wherein they worshiped gods of wood and stone. They used fire as their sacred element as the Hebrews did and offered burnt offerings to their gods. They also built heaps of rocks set one atop another (high heaps) in Hebrew הגל (ha gael) which just happens to translate “the Gael”.



SONS OF THE LIVING GOD (CHRIST-SONS)

Looking back at the prophet Hosea, we see that the Lord told Hosea to go marry a wife of whoredoms (a whore)! (Hosea 1:2) Why? Because the land (people of the land) committed whoredom, departing from the Lord (Hosea 1:2). Hosea being obedient to God married Gomer (a prostitute) and had three children by her. The first was Jezreel which in Hebrew happens to mean “scattered”. God would cause the kingdom of the house of Israel (the ten lost tribes) to cease (Hosea 1:4). He would scatter them away. A second child named Loruhamah meaning “not having mercy” (or favor) with the Lord would be born next. So God would divorce the house of Israel, scatter her “utterly” away (Hosea 1:6), and would show her no mercy. Then, a third child would be born to Hosea by this marriage named LoAmmi meaning in Hebrew, “not my people”.

“For ye are not my people, and I will not be your God.” (Hosea 1:9)

The Lord continued, however, with a promise:

“Yet the number of the children of Israel (ten tribes) 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 1:10)

Notice only afterward,

“...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.” (Hosea 1:11)

The prophet Amos adds another piece to the puzzle which is fast taking shape. In speaking about the scattering of the house of Israel (the ten lost tribes), he wrote,

“behold, the eyes of the Lord are upon the sinful kingdom and I will destroy it (the kingdom) from off the face of the earth; saying that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob (Israel) saith the Lord, For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.” (Amos 9:8-9)

The English word “corn” comes from the Hebrew word “goren” (גרן) from where we get our word grain. So while the kingdom is to be destroyed, the people will live on in another land.* * In fact God then promises,

“behold the days come saith the Lord that

* The great first-century Jewish historian Josephus wrote about the ten tribes of the northern kingdom being lost but becoming so numerous like a multitude which could not be counted. Likewise, the second book of Esdras records at Chapter 13 that the ten tribes of Israel crossed the Euphrates and became a great crowd of peace-loving people (2 Esdras 13:39,47).

I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and with the seed of beast. And it shall come to pass, that as I have watched over them to pluck up and to break down and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them to build, and to plant, saith the Lord.” (Jeremiah 31:27-28)

This was exactly the prophet Jeremiah’s mission (Jeremiah 1:10). Where did this planting take place? Naturally in the land of God’s wrath or Ireland! What did God say of Ephraim? Though he was an outcast, God says, nevertheless:

“My bowels are troubled for him: I will surely have mercy upon him.” (Jeremiah 31:20)

* * Ultimately a land where there will be amber waves of grain and purple mountains majesty above the fruited plains.
Amber (ענבר) “Anber” - Hebrew for yellow/brown
Grain (גרן) “Grayn” - Hebrew for Kernel or seed
Fruit (פרות) “Phrot” - Hebrew for fruit



A NEW COVENANT

“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel (ten lost tribes) and with the house of Judah (the Jews). (Jeremiah 31:31)

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 (at Mt. Sinai) which my covenant they broke, although I was a husband (שש) unto them. (Jeremiah 31:32)

But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel: after those days (when and where they are not my people, scattered and not having mercy), saith the Lord, 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.” (Jeremiah 31:33)

And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, ye are not my people, there (in that land) it shall be said unto them, ye are the sons of the living God.” (Hosea 1:10)

If the sons of the living God are Christ’s sons or Christians, then the prophecy of Hosea was fulfilled to the letter of the law. The Celtic tribes (Anglo-Saxons or sons of Isaac); the Tuatha De Danaan (tribe of Dan); Cimmerians (Cummerians of Bet Khumri) which is the house of Omri (king of the house of Israel at the time of the Assyrian captivity of the ten tribes) who were worshiping idols of wood and stone and a god they called “Yesu” were converted by the disciples of Jesus who went first to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. In other words, The Gospel went to the Galatians. According to the book of Acts, Paul was to visit Spain. According to history, Paul visited Spain and Britain. Is this where he found the scattered sheep of the house of Israel? The gospel of Jesus Christ was brought to Ireland by St. Patrick. But first the prophet Jeremiah brought to Ireland the daughter of King Zedekiah who married the Irish king. The British Isles received the gospel of Jesus Christ. The word “Brit” (ברית) in Hebrew translates covenant. “Ish” (יש) means husband. Now recall the Scripture wherein it is written that God’s people had rejected Him though He was a husband to them! (Jeremiah 31:32) If you connect Brit + Ish together, you get the New Covenant people whose God was their husband! The British are the covenant people of God and the lost house of Israel, brothers to the Jews. The law did go to the British isles. Jeremiah the prophet brought it with him to Ireland. The Hebrew law became the foundation stone for all Irish law and subsequently British and American jurisprudence. This brings us to the words of the prophet Isaiah:

“Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.” (Isaiah 8:16)

The message of Jesus Christ did go to Israel in the isles of the sea. The identity of the lost tribes of Israel was to be kept a secret until the appropriate time—the Last Days when God’s people would become strong again:

“Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength.” (Isaiah 41:1)

If the identity of the lost sheep of the house of Israel had become known prematurely, the turmoil between Israel and her ancient enemies would have carried over to the new land that God had given His people. That is why they were to dwell safely alone, away from their old enemies (Ezekiel 34:28; Deuteronomy 33:28).



GOOD NEWS!

Isaiah wrote the following words concerning the message of the Lord that would be published at the time of the End:

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings (good news), that publisheth peace (the gospel of peace); that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth.” (Isaiah 52:7)

“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Yaweh is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation (Yeshua/Jesus). (Isaiah 12:2)

Jesus read these words of the Prophet Isaiah one Sabbath in the synagogue of Nazareth:

“the spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.” (Isaiah 61:1)

Jesus carried out this mission when he came to his own people nearly 2,000 years ago. And as a witness of the Lord, my job is also to proclaim His gospel and to tell you His truth.

Isaiah knew the secret of the lost tribes of Israel, for he wrote of them:

“for a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath (Ire) I hid my face from thee for a moment: but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer.” (Isaiah 54:7)

Isaiah, also knew of God’s plan to gather back the house of Israel and to join them together to the Jews of the house of Judah at the End time, for he prophesied:

“For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return.” (Isaiah 10:22)

Isaiah revealed thousands of years ago the names of the two nations of God’s people!

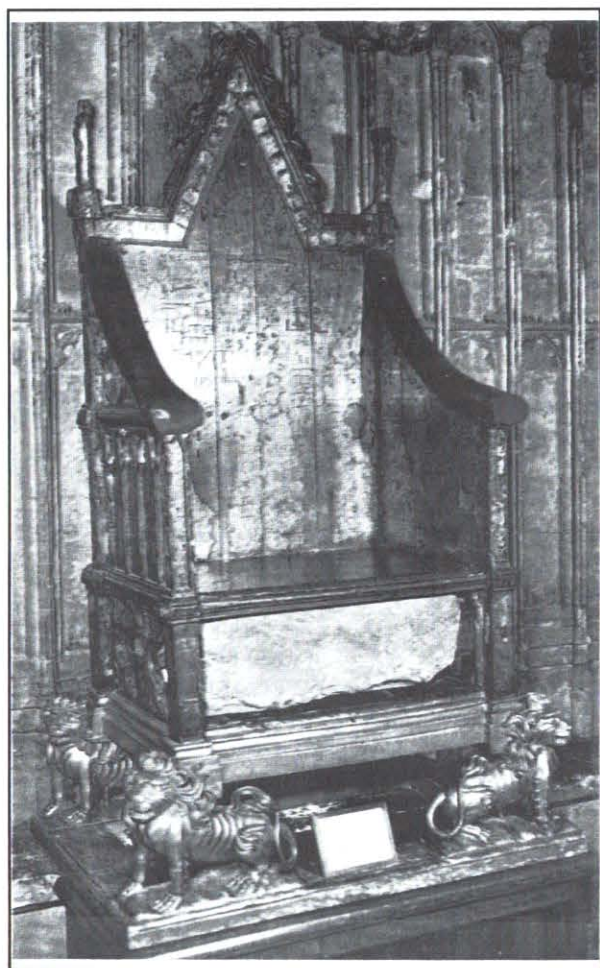
“For Jacob my servant’s sake and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.” (Isaiah 45:4)

“One shall say, I am the Lord’s; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord and surname himself by the name of Israel.” (Isaiah 44:5)



GOD'S HOUSE

Certainly the Jewish nation took its name from Jacob (Israel), and the other nation even today subscribes with its hand an oath to the Lord each and every time a king or queen is sworn to be the divinely ordained leader of the nation of Great Britain. Queen Elizabeth, when she was made Queen of England on June 2, 1953, laid her hand upon God's Holy Book, the Bible, and swore an oath to the Lord Jesus Christ in Westminster Abbey (God's House) thus fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 44:5. The name "Elizabeth" is Hebrew and is derived from three Hebrew words, El, Sheba, and Beth... Elizabeth. El is the Hebrew word for God. Sheba means oath. Beth is the Hebrew word for house. Elizabeth means "oath of God's House". If you ever have the opportunity to visit London, England, you must go to the Westminster Abbey and look above the coronation chair upon which were crowned the kings and queens of England. On the ceiling above King Edward's Chair you will notice the words "This is God's house." The stone that sits beneath the coronation chair is 4,000 years old! It is referred to by the British as "Jacob's pillar", otherwise known as "Bethel" (Hebrew for the "God's house").



The Coronation Chair with Stone of Destiny
Every English King or Queen down through the ages has been coronated and anointed with oil atop the Stone of Destiny, a 4,000 year old relic believed to have been carried by the prophet Jeremiah when he left Egypt on his journey to the Isles of the West and in particular to Ireland. The Stone is also referred to in Britain as "Jacob's Pillar" or the "Bethel Stone" (Gen 28:18, 22). Joseph, while he was Governor in Egypt, was the keeper of the Stone of Israel upon which all the Hebrew kings were crowned. The Tribe of Joseph transported the Stone wherever it went: "From thence is the shepherd, the Stone of Israel". (Genesis 49:24)

DON'T BE HARD OF HEARING

Isaiah cries out for all of God's children, whether Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus,... or pagans,

"Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them

can declare this, and show us former things? Let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour." (Isaiah 43:8-11)

One day Isaiah prophesied,

"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped." (Isaiah 35:5)



THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

It is hoped that the evidence that I have offered stands as a witness and a testimony that God sees and calls the beginning from the end. Those who would attempt to dissuade you concerning what I have proven as true must present their evidence and their arguments as I have. I challenge them to do so. Yet, their arguments will fail because they do not have the truth on their side. They can only use convoluted logic and distorted half truths, and as the quotation goes, "two half truths still do not make a truth". No, I am not presenting any replacement theology which replaces my Jewish brethren with the Church or with any substitute. The Jewish people were chosen by God for a purpose. They have not been disenfranchised in the least way. The promises given to the house of Judah are forever. The Jews are God's people and are entitled to their inheritance if they will only claim it. Notwithstanding, the Christians and the Lost Tribes of Israel have also been given promises by the Lord and have been elected for a purpose. That purpose was to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world for all to hear and see. They have done just that. The nations of Britain and America have spread the gospel all over the earth and published it as Jesus prophesied would be done before the End would come (Mark 13:10). Christians and Jews are brothers, the sons of Israel and the children of God. We all have one Father. Anyone who believes in the name of the Lord and repents will be saved. Regardless of what race, creed, color, or religious affiliation you may have, if you believe in the name of God's only begotten son, Jesus of Nazareth and believe he is Lord and confess this with your mouth, then he is faithful to forgive your sins. Atonement means at-one-ment. When we become one with God, we are no longer separated from Him. This is the real meaning of peace. Thus when Jesus said "my peace I leave unto you" he meant exactly what he said. Peace came by the grace of God (unmerited favor). We do not deserve it. We do not earn it. One worth more than all of us came and sacrificed his own life so that we would be spared from the death penalty which comes from breaking the Law of God. As Jesus said, "there is none good but God" (Matthew 19:17). We are all sinners and "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 5:12, 6:23). That is the penalty which must be exacted. Fortunately, the payment has already been made by the One who paid the supreme price, his own life.

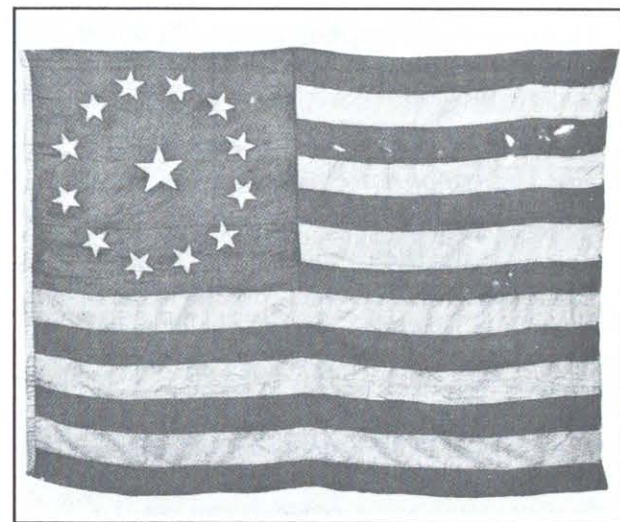
As Moses said, the life of the flesh is in the blood and God has given it to us to make an atonement upon the altar. That life blood was poured out some 2,000 years ago by the Jewish Messiah of Israel who came as Deliverer and Redeemer. He was then and is now, the Living God. We all can become sons of the Living God. All we need do is to open our eyes, our ears and our hearts to His Word of Truth.



STARS & STRIPES

The stars and stripes of the United States' flag developed into one of the world's best-known symbols. The design of the flag is often taken for granted as having developed from the sewing work of Betsy Ross during the Revolutionary War period. While books on the subject of our flag often repeat anecdotes about how the flag came about, rather seldom do we find any in-depth analysis of the actual derivation of the American flag or of the origination of the American people for that matter. But there is much more behind the simple design of the flag of 13 stars on a blue field with 13 alternating red and white horizontal stripes. We all know that the 13 stars and the 13 stripes were chosen to symbolize the 13 original colonies seeking independence from Britain. But is there a deeper hidden meaning behind this symbol? Later as we know, a tradition arose of adding a star to symbolize each state newly admitted to the union. Thus, the stars would multiply as more states came into being. In fact, the American flag in all its splendor symbolizes the wonder of a nation whose beginnings were foretold by the prophets of old in the Books of the Bible. All of the symbols chosen by our forefathers and the leaders of our country at the time of its new beginning were inspired by God ... the God in whom we trust which is the national motto stamped on our coinage and currency.

There are many secular historians and biblical scholars who will be quick to assert that the United States is never mentioned in biblical prophecy, yet these so-called experts have obviously failed to comprehend that God had a hand in the creation of what has become the greatest nation on earth. How could the writers of the Holy Scriptures who prophesied into the distant future ever have omitted or erred in their vision and neglected to mention the greatest nation on earth? How could an all-knowing God who knows the beginning from the end and whose prophets often wrote of last day events ever have ignored the great nation of the United States of America? The answer is in both instances that such an oversight or error of omission is unthinkable. Rather, to the contrary, the design of the flag itself and of many of the symbols of the United States derives directly from promises and prophecies prominently mentioned in the Holy Scriptures.



Notice for example the early Revolutionary War flag which has 13 stars upon a field of blue called a canton. Then notice what the Lord said in blessing His servant Abraham as recorded in the Book of Genesis, that in blessing him, he would bless his descendants "as the stars of heaven and the sand which is upon the seashore" (Genesis 22:17). When we look up at the heavens in the night we see the stars in the sky. The blue field on our American flag is symbolic of the heavens. Thirteen stars were placed in the heavens, one for each of the original American colonies. Notice the pattern of the stars. There are 12 stars in a circle all centered around one large star, thirteen in all. Now recall when Joshua crossed over the river Jordan with the Israelites into the promised land, he was instructed by the Lord to set up 12 stones in Gilgal, one for each of the 12 tribes of Israel. Gilgal is a place on the west side of the Jordan. The word "Gilgal" in Hebrew means spherical, wheel, or circle! Obviously, God was instructing Joshua to set up the 12 stones as a memorial for each of the 12 tribes and to set them up in a circular pattern (Joshua 4:8-9, 20). The larger rock in the center is symbolic of God Himself as the 12 tribes all center upon one God. The Druidical circles of the Celtic tribes were actually altars of stone set up in a circle surrounding a larger stone in the middle which was worshiped as a god.

This brings to mind the prophecy of Moses concerning the house of Israel which was scattered away from God's sight for worshiping gods of wood and stone:

*"And he shall say, where are their gods,
their rock in whom they trusted."
(Deuteronomy 32:37)*

*"They provoked him to jealousy with
strange gods."
(Deuteronomy 32:16)*

*"And the Lord shall scatter thee among all
the people, from one end of the earth even
unto the other; and there thou shalt serve
other gods, ... even wood and stone."
(Deuteronomy 28:64)*

When Joseph was blessed by his father, Jacob took Joseph's sons Ephraim and Manasseh, stretched out his hands upon their heads and passed a blessing, as well as his name Israel, upon them both (Genesis 48:14-15). Manasseh was to become a great people and a great nation while his younger brother Ephraim would be even greater and his descendants were to become a multitude of nations (Genesis 48:19). The two brothers being the sons of Joseph became two half tribes, and thus there became 13 tribes. Now looking at our American flag we see the stars of heaven fulfilling the prophecy repeated at least six times in the five books of Moses.*

But what of the stripes? If the stars on our flag pertain to the stars of heaven in their connection to biblical prophecy then we must expect that the 13 alternating parallel red and white stripes are symbolic of the sand of the seashore. Now recall the words of the patriotic song "America the Beautiful". Did God shed his grace upon thee and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea? Is America the land that was blessed by God to be crowned with brotherhood stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific? Was not our original capital of Philadelphia the City of Brotherly Love? When our "Old Glory" proudly waves and ripples in the wind are not the parallel red and white stripes reminiscent of the action of the wind and waves of the sea forming parallel lines upon the sand of the seashore? Yes, the stars and stripes are symbolic of a great people who were multiplied by God and numbered as the stars of heaven and the sand of the sea. As waves of immigrants came to the shores of America, they migrated from the Atlantic to the Pacific as they journeyed from sea to shining sea.

The Wings of an Eagle Cast a Shadow

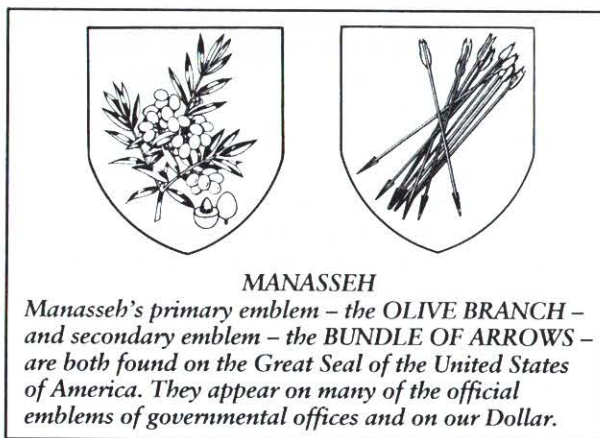
Now, let us examine still another symbol of America, the American Bald Eagle which became the most significant part of the Great Seal of the United States. In its right talon, the Eagle holds an olive branch with 13 olive leaves and 13 olives. The olive branch is a universal symbol of peace. In its left talon, the Eagle clasps 13 arrowheads symbolic of the war power of the nation. Not by coincidence, the Lost Hebrew Tribe of Manasseh had as its emblem, the olive branch and a secondary emblem as a



bundle of arrows! Both are found on the Great Seal of the United States of America. Referring to the Book of Genesis as Jacob was blessing his sons, he spoke of Joseph as "a fruitful bough ... whose branches run over the wall"

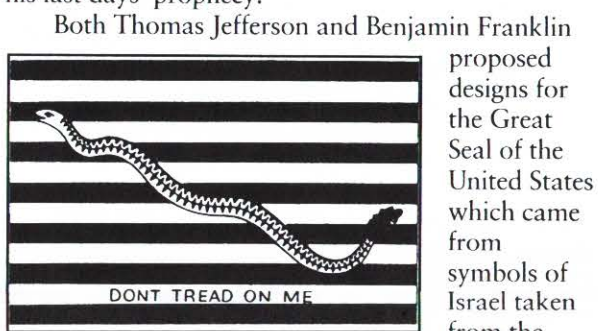
(Genesis 49:22). Of Joseph, Jacob furthermore prophesied that "his bow abode in strength". So within two verses of Scripture, Jacob prophesied that Joseph's symbol would be both a fruitful bough (branch) and that his strength would be with the bow. Soon thereafter Jacob did not neglect to mention that the blessings upon Joseph would prevail to the "utmost bound of the everlasting hills" and that the "blessings would be upon his crown" (Genesis 49:26). Our song "America the Beautiful" specifically mentions that she is crowned with brotherhood from sea to shining sea and proudly sings of her "purple mountain majesties above the

* Genesis 22:17; 26:4; Exodus 32:13; Deuteronomy 1:10; 10:22; 28:62



MANASSEH
Manasseh's primary emblem – the OLIVE BRANCH – and secondary emblem – the BUNDLE OF ARROWS – are both found on the Great Seal of the United States of America. They appear on many of the official emblems of governmental offices and on our Dollar.

fruted plain." Is it by pure chance that the emblem of the Lost Tribe of Manasseh (olive branch and bundle of arrows) was latched onto by the American Eagle? If you will turn in your Holy Bible to Chapter 18 of the Book of Isaiah you will soon discover that the prophet was addressing a nation shadowing with wings, beyond the river of Ethiopia (which means to the west). Isaiah describes that nation as sending ambassadors by the sea (in steamships). He furthermore refers to the people of that nation as "terrible from their beginnings" (Isaiah 18:1-2). He describes the nation as being "meted out and trodden down and whose land the rivers have spoiled." This land could only be the United States of America, a nation every square inch of which has been measured, formidable in war, whose Revolutionary War symbol was "Don't tread on me", and whose land the rivers certainly have spoiled/divided which is the actual meaning of the translation from the Hebrew. Isaiah was describing the United States of America in his last days' prophecy.



Both Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin proposed designs for the Great Seal of the United States which came from symbols of Israel taken from the Bible. Our forefathers, no doubt saw a parallel in the struggle for liberty of the Hebrew nation from bondage in Egypt and our own struggle with the mother country England.

Within our Great Seal, an American Eagle holds a scroll in its beak inscribed with a motto which reads "E. Pluribus Unum". This is unique in national heraldry, according to E. Raymond Capt, because generally scrolls are placed above the crest or below the escutcheon. Scrolls of olden times were usually rolled up for preservation. They often contained prophetic writings and were sealed. The inscription "E. Pluribus Unum" not only means "One Out of Many" or "We Are One", but it also gives a good

indication of the fact that this great nation of the United States sprang up out of many nations or tribes which were gathered out of the Old Country. This leads us to the Scripture in the Book of Hebrews which records,

*"Therefore sprang there even of one ... so
many as the stars of the sky in multitude,
and as the sand which is by the seashore
innumerable." (Hebrews 11:12)*

Many stars representing the many states multiplied from Isaac's descendants and became a multitude. The Lord promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob:

*"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 seashore." (Genesis 22:17)*

The Lord spoke to Abraham and Sarah, Isaac's parents and prophesied,

*"In Isaac shall thy seed be called."
(Genesis 21:12)*

Isaac's descendants were to become a multitude and God would favor them. Perhaps this is why our forefathers chose as a second motto on the Reverse of our Great Seal "Annuit Coeptis" which translates "God favors our undertaking or new beginnings". Notice also that the pyramid on our Reverse Seal consists of 13 layers of masonry, again symbolic of the 13 Tribes of Israel and 13 original colonies of the United States. The words "Annuit Coeptis" also consist of 13 letters.

The Scriptures tell us that the "Lord is the shield of thy help" (Deuteronomy 33:29). The Lord told Abraham, "I am thy shield" (Genesis 15:1). And the psalmist wrote "He shall cover thee with his feathers and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler" (Psalm 91:4). For sure, our nation is **One Nation Under God** with the motto "In God We Trust". Our shield is truthfully the shield of faith which protects our nation from the evil encroachment of our enemies.

Now take a dollar bill from your wallet and notice the glory in the Great Seal which appears above the Eagle's head. The primary significance of a "glory" is to denote the presence of God (Psalm 63:2). The glory of God shone in the form of a pillar of fire at night and gave witness to the Tribes of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai that the Lord was with them. So it is not unexpected that the forefathers of our country would choose a glory with rays of light proceeding out from it containing 13 individual stars arranged in the form of a Star of David (a Jewish star). Thirteen stars standing for the 13 original colonies (and thirteen tribes) form a perfect Star of David as David's descendants were always to be ruling on God's throne over God's people Israel (Psalm 89:35-37). ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

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