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PREFACE

After Solomon died, his son, Rehoboam, began to rule. However, The Ten Tribes of Israel did not want to be ruled by him. Rehoboam refused to lower taxes, so The Ten Tribes split from The House of David by choosing Jeroboam as their king. Rehoboam, as King of Judah over The House of David, aggravated the situation by raising more taxes. Only two and a half tribes stayed with Rehoboam. When The Ten Tribes departed from The Kingdom of David, they were called The Kingdom of Israel. Israel, under King Jeroboam, established their capitol in Samaria. Rehoboam, King of Judah, had his capitol in Jerusalem, which contained The Temple and The Levites as Priests.

Over the years, The Tribes of Israel began to follow Baal as their god and were taken captive by The Assyrians. The House of Israel (The Ten Tribes) was considered lost when they were in captivity. From ancient times, scholars have continued to search for these Ten Tribes. This book will go into detail regarding The Lost Tribes. No money is accepted for this book. Your criticisms and comments are appreciated. (Please include any scripture which you think we may have overlooked). Also, we use The King James Version of The Bible in all our books.

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Introduction

Many scholars have written about The Ten Lost Tribes of Israel. Some claim they are scattered in different parts of the world. Others can actually trace their history from Turkey into Europe. Still others claim they can be found in Britain and America. What is the truth? Were The Ten Tribes of Israel lost or not? Is it possible for some historians to actually know where the descendants of these ancient people exist today? Since *The Bible* is The Word of God and is prophetic in nature, then, what does *Scripture* reveal concerning The Ten Lost Tribes? Were they really *lost*?

The Book Of Isaiah

In Hebrew, the name "Isaiah" means "God saves." In the history of Israel, you find prophecy describing the beginning of Israel's decline with the worship of Baal. This descent into evil caused God to reject His chosen people. Beginning with the reign of Rehoboam, The Ten Tribes of Israel became a violent and wicked people. Their conduct was similar to that of The Gentiles living around them. By Elijah's time, he believed he was the only one remaining who worshipped The One True God.

Judah remained loyal, especially when good kings came along, like Hezekiah. This one good period alone extended Judah's time in Jerusalem for 15 more years. One hundred and thirty years after The Ten Tribes of Israel were taken captive by The Assyrians, they were assumed to be lost. At that time, Judah was taken into captivity by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. Consequently, Israel (The Twelve Tribes) lost The Promised

Land as their God-given possession and inheritance. At that time, The Gentiles took possession of God's property.

God said, "Hear, O heavens and give ear, O earth: for the Lord has spoken, I have nourished and brought up children and they have rebelled against me. The ox knows his owner and the ass his master's crib: but Israel does not know, my people do not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger, they are gone away backward. Why should you be stricken any more? You will revolt more and more: the whole head [mind] is sick and the whole heart faint" (Isaiah 1:2-5).

This proclamation by Isaiah applies not only to Israel, but to all of the heavenly host. This includes the angels and everyone in the whole world. The Book of Isaiah reveals God's indictment of Israel. Isaiah gives a stern warning that God was about to make void His marriage covenant (divorce) with Israel. Judah followed Israel into apostasy. As a consequence, God intended to divorce Judah, also (Deuteronomy 24:1-4). This procedure was according to The Law of Moses, which meant the marriage must be voided. This action was taken because they committed fraud against God (by committing political adultery).

On the surface, Israel appeared to be honoring God through their *Works* of *The Law*. However, they did not learn from *The Law*. God identified Israel with *Sodom* and *Gomorrah* (Isaiah 1:10). Here is what God said about their *human works*, "*To what purpose is the*

multitude of your sacrifices to me? Sald the Lord: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks or of lambs or of he goats. When you come to appear before me, who has required this at your hand [human works], to tread my [they were real church-goers] courts? Bring no more vain oblations [offerings]; incense is an abomination to me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting [Atonement – Isaiah 58]. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates: they are a trouble to me; I am weary to bear them. And when you spread forth your hands [in prayer], I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when you make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood [war]. Wash you, make you clean [baptism]; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well [good works]; seek judgment [justice], relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless [no inheritance], plead for the widow [alone]. Come now and let us reason together [like Job], said the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red [bloody] like crimson, they shall be as wool [sheared lamb]. If you be willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land: But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword [war, captivity]: for the mouth [word] of the Lord has spoken it" (Isaiah 1:11-20).

Out of His own mouth, God preached *The Gospel* of The Kingdom of God. God allowed everyone to know The Gospel. It was preached to everyone. Israel was to be *first* among the other nations, but, now, Israel was prophesied to be last. The Israelites performed *The Works* of *The Law of Moses*, but they did not un-

derstand the purpose of what they were doing. The Apostle Paul addresses the same situation about religious works, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat [clean and unclean], or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow [darkness] of things to come [prophecy]; but the body is of Christ" (Colossians 2:16-17). This is exactly the same message you read in Isaiah 1.

These human works and *The Law of Moses* are not intended to be *a point of judgment* (justice) because they are part of *an overall prophecy* (Hebrews 10:1). God hated them because they didn't get the point. They never seemed to want to follow God's directions.

As Isaiah 1 stated, God intended The Works of *The Law* to bring them to Christ (I Corinthians 12). Shadows are related to aspects of *darkness*. Shadows are certainly *not* in the light. Christ was *The Light* of The World (John 1:9).

The Law of Moses was designed to lead them to Christ (Galatians 3:24). Israel did not want to listen as is the case for some Christians today. Many Messianic Jews still do not get the point, either.

The Divorce

"How is [did] the faithful city become an harlot! It [Jerusalem] was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers [violence]" (Isaiah 1:21). Israel and Judah, in Jerusalem, became harlots (adulterers). This is God's response, "And I will turn my hand upon you and purely purge away your dross [uselessness] and take away all your tin [cheap metal]: And I will restore

your judges as at the first and your counsellors as at the beginning [Moses]: afterward you shall be called, The city of righteousness [New Jerusalem], the faithful city. Zion shall be redeemed with judgment [justice] and her converts with righteousness" (Isaiah 1:25-27).

The Book of Isaiah is a critical evaluation, not only about Israel but about all entities in heaven and on the earth. In this short space of time, you have just read the complete Gospel of The Kingdom of God. In short, all Israel and Judah, with Jerusalem, will be saved (Romans 11:25-26).

Paul tells you Jesus prophesied the same (Luke 21:24 and Romans 11:25). All Israel, including Judah and Israel, will be saved. The so-called Ten Lost Tribes will be saved just as the name "Isaiah" is defined as "God saves." Read The Book of Isaiah, carefully, to discern how The Ten Tribes of Israel became lost and how they will be united again with Judah as The One House of God in Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 1

BLINDNESS - IN PART

Isaiah foretold the captivity of Israel and what will happen when God redeems them. Read The Apostle Paul's explanation of the specifics of Israel's captivity (Romans 11).

First And Last

Zechariah put it this way, "For who has despised the day of small things? For they shall rejoice and shall see the plummet [a measuring tool] in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth" (Zechariah 4:10).

This is amazing. Zerubbabel received an edict from Cyrus, The King of The Medes, to let The Jews rebuild The Temple of God in Jerusalem. Judah had been held captive in Babylon for seventy years. What Zerubbabel did was perceived as *small things* in regards to Israel's and Judah's captivity. This was followed by the rebuilding of God's *temple*. Zerubbabel obtained the measurement of the temple for the restoration. This was accomplished in *troublesome times*. Zechariah stated how this Time of Trouble for Israel and Judah was only a *small part* of what was, actually, happening. Consider this saying, "Not by might [militarily], nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of

hosts" (Zechariah 4:6). Zechariah saw two olive trees – on the right side and on the left side – of the candlestick (Menorah). He asked what these represented. God answered by saying, "Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth" (Zechariah 4:14). These are the two cherubim who are constantly beside God's throne and positioned over The Ark of The Covenant.

These two cherubs empty "the holy oil" of God's Holy Spirit so it can light The Menorah (7 candlesticks). These two cherubs give God's Holy Spirit (power) to the two olive trees. Who do these olive trees represent? An amazing prophecy is about to unfold concerning Israel and The Gentiles' future. This prophecy was given by The Apostle Paul, "For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation [jealousy] them which are my flesh [Israel] and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them [Israel] be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? For if the firstfruit [is Paul] be holy [God's people], the lump is also holy: and if the root [cherubs] be holy, so are the branches" (Romans 11:13-16).

Israel and Judah, God's chosen people, become Holy through His Holy Spirit. In captivity, during these troublesome times, they still belong to God.

These olive trees, as a symbol of The Tree of Life, are guarded constantly by God's two anointed cherubs. This olive tree, along with all of its branches are con-

sidered Holy. Notice what occurs, "Boast not [Gentiles] against the branches. But if you boast, you bear not the root, but the root you. You will say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief [faith] they were broken off [slavery] and you stand by faith. Be not high minded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches [Israel and Judah], take heed lest he also spare not you" (Romans 11:18-21). Paul describes what happened to Israel and Judah when they went into captivity as slaves. Paul warned The Gentile Christians that the same could happen to them. Wow!

Paul relates the history of God's rejection of His chosen people (Israel and Judah) in Isaiah and Zechariah's time. Then, you can proceed through, to Paul's day, where God gave His Holy Spirit to The Gentiles (Acts 15).

Paul warned The Gentiles not to get too big-headed about their *calling* and *future rewards*. Israel and Judah did this when they became big headed and, consequently, ended up in captivity as slaves.

Israel's Future

Paul proves The Lost Tribes of Israel and Judah do not become two great nations like The United States and Great Britain. They do, however, become great when The Times of The Gentiles have ended, just as Jesus predicted, "For I would not, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own conceits [eyes]; that blindness in part

is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved [as a nation]: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob [Israel]: For this is my covenant to them, when I shall take away their sins" (Romans 11:25-27). (Read the book, The Times of The Gentiles).

God will not make Israel or The Jews into great nations until The Gentile Rule *ends* and Christ returns. This is quite clear.

The Lost Tribes of Israel or Judah becoming world-wide empires of greatness (before The Times of The Gentiles conclude) is diametrically opposed to all prophecy – Old and New (Testaments).

This book only covers a partial proof by God's Prophets. This *truth* is overwhelming along with the prophecies from *The Book of Jeremiah*. Besides, these are The Very Words of Jesus.

Israel's future, for both The Ten Tribes of Israel and Judah, is preordained to occur when The Gentile rule ends. At that time, The Messiah will return to start The Millennium and the two sticks of Israel will be rejoined. Where did The Ten Tribes go? What have they been doing since the time of their captivity until The Messiah comes?

CHAPTER 2

THE TWO STICKS

The Valley of Dry Bones, historically, predicts what happens to the two sticks or branches of the olive tree. They will be grafted back into the two olive trees (Ezekiel 37).

A Physical Resurrection

At the time of *The First Resurrection* when Christ comes and meets His bride in *the clouds*, there will be a simultaneous *physical resurrection* of *all Israel* who died in past ages. God asks Ezekiel, "Can these bones live?" (Ezekiel 37:3). Ezekiel tells God He knows the answer. Then, God lets Ezekiel know who these dry bones are, "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" (Ezekiel 37:11).

These Israelite people include all of Israel from the past. In fact, they know they are not saved and recognize they are, truly, lost. Only those who meet Jesus in the clouds are the saints and The Bride of Christ. "Therefore prophesy and say to them, Thus says the Lord 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. And you shall know that I

am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you and you shall live and I shall place you in your own land: then shall you know that I the Lord have spoken it and performed it, said the Lord" (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

The Israelites said they were *lost* so God has a plan to return them to The Promised Land of Israel. This includes the resurrected Israelites of old, who already died. Wherever these lost Israelites are, even though they rejected God by worshipping Baal, they will be considered God's people, once again. In their captivity, they are living among The Gentiles not knowing they are Israelites. Until The Messiah returns and brings them back as His people, they will be rejected by Him. The Lost Tribes in captivity cannot be blessed in any way, as The United States or Great Britain have been blessed. God's blessings upon Joseph cannot come to pass until all the individuals return to their own property during The Millennium. They are cursed, which means they are lost to God until The Times of The Gentiles are fulfilled. The United States and Great Britain are Gentiles with Israelites intermixed among them.

No Longer Two Sticks

The Apostle Paul made a prediction about the holy sticks, which are the branches broken off the natural olive tree. They are The Gentiles who will be grafted into the natural olive tree. Before they were grafted in, they were a wild olive tree living in the darkness

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of the world. Here is Paul's forecast for the future of these two olive branches, "For if you were cut out [lost] of the olive tree which is wild [lost] by nature and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree [Tree of Life]: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches [the dried sticks], be grafted into their own olive tree?" (Romans 11:24). These are dry bones with no life in them. They are in a lost state, but with God's Spirit, will become living branches to be grafted back into their natural living olive tree. At that time, they will be returned to The Land of Israel (Ezekiel 37).

Paul tells all Israel (The Ten Lost Tribes and Judah) that they will be saved (Romans 11:25). Ezekiel 37 can be used to explain Romans 11 and vice versa.

With Israel and Judah serving as The *Menorah*, they are to be *witnesses* to *the world*. However, they were rejected by God. They were left in Gentile nations as *captives* so they didn't have a chance to become great nations. It would, only, have happened when those who were *first* became *last* and, then, were made *first again*.

For God to make Israel and Judah into great nations as The United States and Britain, it would be a prophetic contradiction of The Word of God. Until God restores them to be first again, Israel and Judah are to remain in a Time of Jacob's Trouble or tribulation.

The two sticks are dead branches. There are no healing leaves available until the process of photosynthesis begins. Carbon dioxide must be absorbed by the leaves

and, then, with sunshine and water, the tree's branches can, once again, grow. At that time, the leaves will expel oxygen for life so they can flourish. Until then, these dead branches cannot grow and become a great tree as was depicted in Daniel's day under Nebuchadnezzar. Here, prophetically, is what a great nation must be doing if it is to continue to live and grow. "The tree grew and was strong [militarily] and the height [greatness] thereof reached to heaven [atmosphere] and the sight [great] thereof to the end of all the earth [an empire]: The leaves [living] thereof were fair and the fruit [rich] thereof much [wealthy] and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field [world] had shadow [protection] under it and the fowls [eagles] of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof and all flesh [world] was fed of it" (Daniel 4:11-12). This Babylon truly was a great worldwide empire just like The United States and Great Britain. The two sticks were just the opposite. While in captivity, neither were prosperous, productive or great. They are dried up branches until God restores them to their rightful place - not as two great nations but one great nation.

Prophetically, The Ten Lost Tribes of Israel and Judah cannot become great nations. Here is God's future promise. *The two sticks*, include The House of Israel (ten tribes) and The House of Judah (21/2 Tribes), will be restored as *one stick*, The Nation of Israel (Ezekiel 37:15-28).

Specifically, this includes Joseph, who is the stick of Ephraim, and all of Israel (Ten Lost Tribes), who are part of these two dried up or lost sticks (Ezekiel

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37:16). They cannot become two great nations until God *unites* them as *one stick*, which is now *a branch* restored to *the olive tree*.

The first who became last are no longer last but becomes first again. They cannot be nations of any consequence until Christ brings them back from captivity. This does not occur until The Times of The Gentiles are fulfilled. Until, then, only The Gentiles can rule the world or any part of it, just as Babylon, The Great did.

If Judah or Israel rules the world before The Times of The Gentiles are *fulfilled*, then they would have to, prophetically, be *The Gentiles*.

CHAPTER 3

WHAT IS THE TRIBULATION?

Many view *The Tribulation* as a one-time event. They see The Tribulation as beginning from the fall of Judah under Titus in 70 A.D. Others regard it as a future tribulation before Christ returns. Prophecy foretells a very different definition, as you will clearly read in this chapter. A surprise is coming which, scripturally, clarifies what the tribulation truly is and how long it will last.

A False Labor Pain

After seventy years of captivity, a small group of The Tribe of Judah returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. It wasn't easy for them to accomplish this task. Their property had been given to The Gentiles. The Jews, definitely, didn't like it. The area belonging to The Ten Tribes of Israel had been sieged by The Babylonians. All that was left around Jerusalem were The Jews and some Israelites who were, basically, farmers from the time of Nebuchadnezzar.

Many inhabitants around Jerusalem were spies and enemies of The Jews. With Zerubbabel as Governor, they began to build the foundation of the temple under severe hardships.

Seventy years covers a king's lifetime. Almost all who had gone into captivity were no longer alive. The Prophet Daniel was pleading to God, in prayer, for The Jews to be restored to their land. "And now, O Lord our God, that has brought your people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and has gotten you renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. O Lord, according to all your righteousness, I beseech you, let your anger and your fury be turned away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain: because for our sins and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people are become a reproach to all that are about us. Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of your servant and his supplications and cause your face to shine upon your sanctuary [temple] that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. O my God, incline your ear and hear; open your eyes and behold our desolations and the city which is called by your name [Jerusalem]: for we do not present our supplications before you for our righteousness, but for your great mercies" (Daniel 9:15-18).

Daniel prayed for his people, especially for God's city (Jerusalem) and the temple. Here is Gabriel's reply regarding Jerusalem and the temple area. "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment [Decree of Cyrus] to restore and to build Jerusalem to the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again and the wall, even in troublesome times" (Daniel 9:25).

God, because of Daniel's prayer, sent a small group

to restore Jerusalem and the temple (partially). Only the foundation and the wall were restored. Most of The Jews stayed in Babylon. This was, also, the time when a new Hebrew alphabet was created. It was not a copy of the original alphabet. The original alphabet had been pictorial. This new alphabet was a written alphabet influenced by The Aramaic.

What is prophetically significant is how these were not easy times for Judah or God's people. They were very troublesome times. What are troublesome times? Jeremiah clarified the meaning of "troublesome times" for Israel. "Ask you now and see whether a man does travail with child [labor pains]? Wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail [labor] and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it" (Jeremiah 30:6-7).

This is a future prophecy regarding the tribulation which is a Time of Jacob's Trouble. This Time of Trouble, beginning with the rebuilding the foundation and wall of the temple, is like false labor pains for a man. It is similar to a woman in travail bringing about the birth of a baby. When the builders of the temple in Jerusalem returned, it was a violent experience like labor pains. Remember, this is only the beginning of Israel's trouble, but how long does it last?

The Bridegroom Comes

Just before The Birth of Jesus, Isaiah explained His

coming. "Comfort you, comfort you my people says your God. Speak you comfortably to Jerusalem and cry to her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she has received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that cries in the wilderness [world], Prepare you the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God" (Isaiah 40:1-3). "The grass withers, the flower fades: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. O Zion, that brings good tidings, get you up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that brings good tidings [Gospel], lift up your voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say to the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm and carry them in his bosom and shall gently lead those that are with young" (Isaiah 40:8-11).

Is this, The End of Jacob's Trouble (tribulation)? This is nothing more than the prophecy of John, The Baptist, announcing The Coming of The Messiah! This is the coming of good tidings and it is very good news. "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before your face, which shall prepare your way before you. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare you the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John did baptize in the wilderness [world] and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins" (Mark 1:1-4). (Read The Book of Malachi). Malachi may have been the last Prophet of God for, at least,

four hundred years.

Malachi summarizes, "Behold, I will send my messenger and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to his temple [God's house], even the messenger of the covenant, whom you delight in: behold, he shall come says the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' sope [soap]: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant to the Lord, as in the days of old and as in former years" (Malachi 3:1-4). This is pretty clear.

This prophecy was foretold by Isaiah and Malachi and tells about The Coming of The Messiah. John serves as "The Elijah to come" (Malachi 4:5-6). Notice these words by Jesus about John, The Baptist, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come. He that has ears to hear, let him hear" (Matthew 11:12-15).

The Gospel of Christ is so beautiful. Mark begins with The Gospel of Christ and not the kingdom. These are the good tidings or good news about The Messiah. When Jesus was born, the angel announced, "Glory to

God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).

When Jesus was born, He fulfilled all the prophecies of The Prophets and what *The Law* pointed to. Jerusalem was in *a troublesome time* because it was ruled by *imposters* – just like today.

Herod, an *Edomite*, was not from The House of David – he was a foreigner. Herod's Temple was corrupted by The Caesars picking The High Priests. They came from *the sect* of *The Sadducees* who weren't Levites. What *a mess*! The Kingdom of God (Jerusalem) was embroiled in *violence*. This was not merely brought on by rulership but, also, by the zealots and other rulers.

It was time for The Messiah to come, as was fore-told by The Prophets and *The Law* (Deuteronomy 18). Was this the end of Jacob's Trouble (a tribulation as a woman in labor)?

CHAPTER 4

THE FLYING ROLL

God's Ten Tribes of Israel are now in captivity and Judah is, only, partly restored in Jerusalem. During these *troublesome times*, you will find the worst is, yet, to come. The Times of The Gentiles is filled with wickedness and violence. Jesus calls this – The Time of Sorrows – because it brings wars and rumors of war (Matthew 24).

A Curse

When Jesus came to His temple after John, The Baptist was put to death, He found the House of God had become corrupt, "Saying, If you had known, even you, at least in this your day, the things which belong to your peace! But now they are hid from your eyes. For the days shall come upon you, that your enemies [Gentiles] shall cast a trench about you and compass you round and keep you in on every side, And shall lay you even with the ground and your children within you; and they shall not leave in you one stone upon another; because you knew not the time of your visitation. And he went into the temple and began to cast out them that sold therein and them that bought; Saying to them, It is written, My house [Temple] is the house of prayer: but you have made it a den of thieves" (Luke 19:42-46). Do you

realize the prophetic significance of what *The Savior* was telling *the priests* in *the temple*?

This text is a repetition of what you read in Malachi. The Book of Malachi explains the corruption of The Levitical Priesthood and tithing. Instead of taking tithes for the temple, they were robbing God of His tithes and committing thievery. They made a business out of tithing. (Read the prophecy in Malachi 3:8-12). The Levites took the tithes because of their personal greed. Some ministers do the same today. Woe be to them!

During His first coming, Jesus came to bring peace to the world. But, because of misusing God's house and stealing God's tithe, a curse was put in place. "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse" (Malachi 4:5-6).

Do you understand? Do you have ears to hear and eyes to see? Because The Levites and *Priests* corrupted God's Holy House through a misuse of tithes, God cursed the whole world. Rather than The Jews or The Ten Tribes of Israel becoming great nations, they caused a curse to come upon the whole world. There is no promise about Joseph being blessed as Ephraim and Mannaseh. Are you ready to see how extensive this global curse really is?

When Jesus came, He said they had lost their chance

for peace. From that time on, prophecy "paused" and had to be changed. Read how this prophecy failed (I Corinthians 13:8). The whole world was cursed. Had they accepted Jesus when He rode into Jerusalem, The Romans would have crucified Him for treason. Then, He would have died and would have been resurrected. Then, with the angels, He would have established The Millennial Kingdom of God. But, The Tribulation or trouble continued throughout the world.

The Wicked Flying Roll

Zechariah retold the prophecy concerning The Menorah, the source of The Tree of Life (the olive tree), and God's two appointed cherubs. The angel told Zechariah that these two anointed angels were giving Zerubbabel God's Holy Spirit to rebuild the temple. However, it would be during troublesome times (Zechariah 4:6). Although Jesus was crucified by The Romans, He could have been spared. Jesus said that if He had asked, God would have given a host of angels to save Him. Then, as King of Kings, The Millennium would have started.

In fact, speaking of rebuilding Zerubbabel's temple, here is what the angel told The Prophet about Christ. "And speak to him, saying, Thus speaks the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place and he shall build the temple of the Lord: Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace

shall be between them both" (Zechariah 6:12-13). This is Christ as The Melchizedek Priesthood – The Prince of Peace.

Now, this branch entered The City of Jerusalem riding upon the foal of an ass (John 12:14-23). This coronation was just, lowly and humble. Wow! What is next? "And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace to the heathen [Gentiles]: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea and from the river even to the ends of the earth" (Zechariah 9:10). This is The Millennium. Jesus did not have to die. It was His choice to die so you could have the opportunity for Salvation.

Adam was a type of Christ. He, knowingly, ate the wrong fruit and died for Eve. Jesus did the same. God has thought of every possible problem. The Gospel of Christ is very beautiful (Mark 1:1).

Judah Didn't Learn

Judah did not learn their lessons in Babylon. However, The Ten Lost Tribes didn't learn the lesson either. "And it shall come to pass, that as you were a curse among the heathen [Gentiles], O house of Judah [Babylon] and house of Israel; so will I save you and you shall [two sticks] be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong" (Zechariah 8:13).

There it is, clearly prophesied. Both Judah and The Ten Tribes of Israel are not to be a blessing until Christ

unites them as *one stick*. The United States and Great Britain will not receive *the blessings of Joseph* until *The Millennium* – so states God's *word* in *prophecy*.

The curse upon the world was told by Malachi first, then Jesus and Zechariah. Zechariah describes a flying roll (scroll). The angel tells Zechariah this scroll is "...the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that steals shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that swears shall be cut off as on that side according to it" (Zechariah 5:1-5).

From the day when Zerubbabel was sent to rebuild the temple until the branch unites the two sticks (Judah and Israel), they will remain under a curse. According to God's word, the two sticks are not under any of God's blessings.

The flying roll, which is a written scroll, remains as a curse because of the wickedness of the world. This includes both Judah and The Ten Lost Tribes (during the entire Times of The Gentiles). It is time to search God's word to learn how this curse exists and when it will, finally, end.

CHAPTER 5

THE EPHAH AND THE WORLD

Zechariah observes an "ephah." In Hebrew "ephah" means a measurement of about "a bushel container" (heavy). This bushel goes forth in a manner resembling the whole earth. What does this ephah or bushel hold for the earth (Zechariah 5:5-6)?

Babylon The Great Whore

Jesus told His people, The Remnant of Israel (The 144,000 and The Seven Christian Churches, to come out of Babylon (Revelation 2:3 and Revelation 18:4). Judah, Israel and The Seven Gentile Churches were under a world curse. "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice [God's word] and open the door [choice], I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me. To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" (Revelation 3:19-22). Paul said the same about The Remnant of Israel and The Gentiles who were grafted into the natural olive tree. They had free choice, just as Adam and Eve had.

Here is another prophecy concerning The Twelve

Tribes of Israel. This includes all Christians. Jesus will rebuke them while the curse of the world continues. This was Jacob's (continued) Time of Trouble. Jesus continues to rebuke and chastise all Israel, who are still in captivity.

Why does Christ tell His people to come out of Babylon? What is Babylon? The Tower of Babel holds the answer. (Read Genesis 11:5-7). Babel is a condition when mankind is left to itself and is mixed with too many ideas of good and evil. "Babel" in Hebrew means "gate to God's house." A person, without God, cannot discern good or evil on their own. They do not know the way to The Gate of God's House.

God had to divide the nations according to their language (their inheritance). In this way, if there was anything less than ethnic purity (the same people), they would come up with a plethora of ideas.

As long as the people were brothers and sisters, ethnically, they would be in agreement more often. When Judah and Israel were taken captive, without God's guidance, they were mixed in with The Gentiles who did not understand good and evil. The outcome was war and rumors of war (as Jesus said) (Matthew 24).

Babylon, The Great Whore, is nothing more than a condition of leaving people to themselves, without God. On their own, they all have individual ideas of good and evil and never come to any correct conclusions. It is Babylon which ends in confusion and violence.

A Bushel Of Evil

Notice what the "ephah" means, The "ephah" in Zechariah is defined as "a bushel covering the earth." What is wrong with this bushel? "And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sits in the midst of the ephah. And he said, This is wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof. Then lifted I up mine eyes and looked and, behold, there came out two women and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven" (Zechariah 5:7-9). A woman is the 100 pound lead, which was cast into the middle of the ephah or bushel of wickedness. Two women built this wickedness, which originated in a certain place in a certain land. "To build it an house [temple] in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established and set there upon her own base" (Zechariah 5:11). There it is. The Great Whore was originated by these women in The Land of Shinar, which is Babel at The Original Tower of Babel (Genesis 10:10). Shinar is where Babel was located with this wicked base - The Tower of Babel.

This wickedness, which was a bushel full, was held down by a talent of lead (75 pounds). This situation continues to this present day. Judah and Israel, in captivity among The Gentiles, are without God and are not a nation of blessings to the world.

Now, it is important to discover if The Ten Lost Tribes are really *lost*. Does prophecy tell you where they are

today? Yes, it does. Amazingly, they are not lost at all. They are only lost to the world and to themselves. God has a more perfect answer.

After the release of Judah from Neo-Babylon under Cyrus, The Mede, God sent out the decree to restore the temple. The restoration of the temple was not complete until Herod's day because it was still part of The Time of Jacob's Trouble when The Gentiles ruled. The trouble doesn't stop until The Second Coming of The Messiah.

Here is what Jesus must do from the time of His resurrection until He returns as King of Kings, "Therefore say I to you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof" (Matthew 21:43). Wow! Judah and Israel were divorced by Christ's death. The marriage covenant of The Old Covenant was vanished (Hebrews 8:13).

Jesus, by His death (and divorce), began a New Covenant or a new marriage agreement with a nation which was more worthy. This nation will be determined by its fruits. This is so clear and simple. You are ready to discover a more worthy nation through their fruit.

CHAPTER 6

A WORTHY NATION

Judah and Israel, as The Ten Lost Tribes, are now captive in The Gentile World. They are only *lost* to themselves and are hidden to the world. What are they doing?

Jesus And Prophecy

Your Savior warned His Disciples about the first major prophetic event to occur after His resurrection. It was the infiltration of false prophets into The Churches of God. This was the beginning of the great falling away from the truth of God (II Thessalonians 2). This prophecy was followed by other predicted events, "And you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that you be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows" (Matthew 24:6-8).

Jesus was *specific* regarding *the curse* which came upon the world. All this would occur because of the extent of *wickedness* and result in *worldwide violence*. There will be no *peace* or *prosperity* for God's people – Israel or Judah. The Messiah revealed Rome would take Judah captive in 70 A.D. with the fall of *the*

temple. Their forefathers were taken captive by Babylon around 586 B.C. The curse of the world continues (Malachi 4:6). Christ clearly described how long this captivity would be and who would be responsible, "And they shall fall [Judah] by the edge of the sword and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24). Do you comprehend what Jesus just told you? The curse upon the world continues as The Time of Sorrows. But even more so, The Ten Tribes of Israel are not in a position to fulfill the blessings given to Joseph. Clearly, only Gentiles are to be in charge of world events until The Savior returns. (Read the book, The Times Of The Gentiles).

The Israelite nations will not become great empires (such as America and Great Britain). Only The Gentile nations will rule. This means the world is cursed in wickedness during The Times of The Gentiles. This is quite clear. The Messiah (who is The Savior in prophecy) foretells that The Ten Lost Tribes of Israel cannot become great, prominent nations. This is The Time of Gentile rule. The Old Testament prophets and Jesus clearly predict The Ten Tribes do not become great people or nations until The Messiah returns to bind the two sticks together as one stick, which represents The Nation of Israel.

The Millennium is the final announcement of The Bride who will be Israel. As such, The Bride of Israel will be first, once again. The Gentiles and The Remnant of Israel will be in the first resurrection. They will rule

with Jesus as Priests and Kings. At that time, Israel, as a nation, will be saved. This applies to those forefathers who will be resurrected, physically (Ezekiel 37). The Millennium is the engagement period when they will send invitations to The World of The Gentiles. Here is the announcement, "But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth [God's wrath]: and he sent forth his armies [angels and saints] and destroyed those murderers and burned up their city [Armageddon]. Then said he to his servants [Church and Israel], The wedding [feast] is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go you therefore into the highways and as many as you shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out [Millennium] into the highways [witnesses] and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests" (Matthew 22:7-10). Read about The Millennium in Isaiah 11.

Both Jesus and Isaiah clearly reveals when the blessings of Joseph will take place upon Ephraim and Manasseh. All Israel will be blessed. This means The Times of The Gentiles is near its end. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain [government] of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains [world governments] and shall be exalted [blessed] above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. And many people shall go and say, Come you and let us go up to the mountain [God's temple] of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob [Israel]; and he will teach us of his ways and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord [logos] from Jerusalem" (Isaiah 2:2-3).

Notice, this is The Time of The Blessings of Jacob, which will be given to his son Joseph for the benefit of all of Israel. "O house of Jacob [Israel], come you and let us walk in the light of the Lord. Therefore you have forsaken your people the house of Jacob [Israel in captivity], because they be replenished [influenced by Babylon] from the east; and are soothsayers like the Philistines and they please themselves in the children of strangers [Gentiles]" (Isaiah 2:5-6). Wow!

Israel (The Ten Lost Tribes) copied the ways of The Gentiles and wanted to be like them. They followed the soothsayers of the east (Babylon) and acted like The Gentiles. They were strangers to God. Is it any wonder that God's two witnesses, The Remnant of Israel and The Seven Gentile Churches, were told by Jesus to come out of Babylon (Revelation 18:4)?

How did God's two witnesses overcome sin and become The Bride of Christ? "Let us be glad and rejoice and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come and his wife has made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed [dressed] in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints [God's glory]. And he said to me, Write, Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb [marriage registry – The Book of Life]. And he said to me, These are the true sayings of God" (Revelation 19:7-9).

It is all very plain about the time when The Bride (The Churches of God and The Remnant of Israel) is made white and clothed in God's glory. The invitations will

be sent out and the engagement period will begin announcing The Wedding Feast during The Millennium. At that time, The Blessings of Joseph will be given. During this engagement period, The Gentiles will be given "a last call" to the wedding. Gog and Magog, as The Millennium concludes, are removed from Jerusalem. They are inclined to rebel against God and attack Jerusalem (Ezekiel 38). Gog and Magog see this as an opportunity because this "Millennial Jerusalem" has no walls for protection. There will be no walls because there is no war – only peace in God's government. So, it would appear Israel is, totally, defenseless.

Then, God intervenes by striking Gog and Magog with lighting. Only a sixth of the armed forces will remain. The Wedding Feast and its invitations have been sent. The Time of The Gentiles will be completely fulfilled and The Judgment Time will arrive. (Read the book, White Throne Judgment). Over and over again, prophecy and Jesus, Himself, declares how The Ten Lost Tribes of Israel are *lost* and do not achieve any greatness as separate *nations*. They were mixed in with The Gentiles. Biblically, The Scriptures attest to this truth until The Gentile Rule ends with The Return of Christ. Then, and only then, The Ten Lost Tribes can return to The Land of Israel which completely fulfills the blessings upon Jacob's son, Joseph. Biblically, you prove in The New Testament how The Church of God knew where The Ten Tribes were and what they were doing. It all has to do with becoming a worthy nation.

CHAPTER 7

THE APOSTLE TO ISRAEL

The Apostle James is believed to have taught Christians how to have faith with works. James told them how they should conduct themselves if they were to follow pure religion.

James - Christ's Brother

The first fifteen Bishops of The Jerusalem Church were Jews. James, The Savior's brother, was The First Bishop or overseer of The Jerusalem Church. His commission was to go, first, to The Jews and, then, to The Gentiles. Jesus said, "You worship you know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22). The Torah, the way to life, had The Law added to it by Moses, so the path to life included The Law of Moses. This was the first step to Salvation. "The sceptre [kingship] shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh [God's house] come; and to him [Christ] shall the gathering of the people be" (Genesis 49:10). This is quite clear. The way to eternal life has steps and is a pathway to the gate of God's temple (Matthew 7:13-14). Salvation is a process pointing to The House of God. It is Jesus' job to bring God's people to their Father (John 4). Moses gave The Law, but grace (mercy) and truth came by Christ (John 1:17). The Lost Tribes of Israel cannot come to The Truth of God without coming to Jesus. What happens to them while they wait for The Messiah to return? God's people include all of Israel and The Gentiles. This has not come to pass, yet, and will not occur until Jesus returns. This cannot begin to happen until The Gentiles' time is fulfilled. So, how can The Lost Tribes of Israel become great nations when the world is still operating within The Times of The Gentiles Rule? They can't. However, there is another biblical answer.

The Apostles and James, Christ's brother, knew exactly where The Ten Lost Tribes of Israel were. "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting" (James 1:1). James wrote his Epistle to The Twelve Tribes (including The Ten Lost Tribes). Where were they *located*? In The Apostles' Day, there certainly weren't any great people or great nations formed by The Tribes. James plainly states these Israelites are a people who have been scattered or divided. This statement included The Ten Lost Tribes. They weren't some great separate tribe or people because they were a scattered people without any nation to call their own. You will soon prove, biblically, where they were scattered. James wrote this letter to them. He probably knew where they were located. Otherwise, how could his letter get to them?

No Set Belief

Another amazing truth about James' Epistle is the realization that he wasn't following any particular reli-

gion. All these scriptural clues give you some insight. Read the main theme of his letter, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows [the poor] in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27). He said there is only one pure or truthful religion. It comes to you directly from God. Secondly, they could have been The Messianic Jews following The Law. Also, they could have been believers in some pagan faith. Thirdly, he said wherever they were located, they should not become part of the world's Gentile system. This is a very vital clue for you to remember.

The readers of James' Epistle were truly scattered. They were not united as some powerful tribe or great nation in any Gentile area. They, as a people, were divided and scattered. The Ten Lost Tribes did not have the same "faith" but were scattered during The Time of The Apostles.

The Way Of Truth

James informs them that the way of Christ was not to favor one group over another. The faith of Jesus was a private, internalized religion. It did not include any external religions. James already described pure religion. It all had to do with personal behavior and it was not some worldly system of works, regardless of any religion, which others may be involved in. Even The Law was a spiritual matter with Christians. The Letter of The Law does not save you, rather doing good works does (Isaiah 1 and 58). That is the point about The Law and The Prophets. Christ did not come to destroy The

Law. Christ did not belittle or downplay The Prophets. He came to fulfill and perfect The Law (Matthew 5:17-20). He came to magnify The Law. Jesus clearly said that if you intend to fulfill The Law, you must become more righteous than any of the scribes and Pharisees. How is this? Jesus sums it up for you, "Be you therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). There it is. To "fulfill" or to "pleroma" (in Greek) is to be "complete" or "perfect." This is what James was trying to teach them. Faith without works (good works) isn't true faith. That is the point of following Jesus and God as your Father. Christians are warned not to gossip because it destroys people (James 3). Finally, James discusses what pure religion really is. He says it is to keep oneself unspotted from the world. This is a Gentile world filled with wars and rumors of wars.

The Israelites were part of The Gentiles and were not a great people or nation. The Times of The Gentiles was a time of living under a curse and wickedness. James, The Apostle, clearly described in detail the cause of all war – which was greed and lust (James 4). He was admonishing The Israelites, quite clearly, to not live like The Gentile Nations while living in their land. The Way of Truth is the path for you to be "In Christ." It may be difficult, but you must love your enemies.

Some of these Israelites were *rich individuals*, but, only, as part of The Gentile Nations. They were following The Gentiles' example of *greed*. James told them to have *the patience of Job* and *suffer the affliction*. Those who were true Christians followed *a true*,

pure religion, which was to help one another (James 5:19-20). The Gospel of Christ was being preached worldwide, especially in The Roman Empire. In the time of James and The Apostles, The Ten Lost Tribes (Israel) were a scattered people among The Gentiles. They were not necessarily roaming, but, in many cases, they had settled in with The Gentiles. But, they continued to follow The Ways of The Gentiles.

After the destruction of The Temple, The Jews were, also, scattered into all nations (Luke 21). Now, both The Jews and Israel were scattered among The Gentiles. They began copying The Gentiles' "way of life" which was based upon war (because of greed and lust). The Israelites were becoming just like them, so James told them to stop emulating The Gentiles.

Their biblical prophecy will be fulfilled at the end of The Times of The Gentiles (Matthew 24:2). Until The Gentile Rule comes to its conclusion, Israel will, also, be involved in being greedy, violent and engaged in wars at The End Time. They are still living among The Gentiles and will do so until The Messiah comes.

CHAPTER 8

CAN TWO WALK TOGETHER?

Do you think God blessed Israel when they were following the lustful and greedy ways of The Gentiles? How could God give The Blessings of Jacob to Joseph when they were just as wicked as any of The Gentiles? That would truly be an oxymoron. It is absurd to think God would bless a people who were not any better than the heathens.

A Nation More Worthy

The Kingdom of God can only be given to a nation which produces fruits and can be blessed (Matthew 21:43). Here is Jesus' promise to any nation which doesn't produce good fruits. "And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder" (Matthew 21:44). Jesus clearly reveals how Israel, whether they lost their identity or not, cannot exist until they become worthy to be His wife. God divorced Israel and the nation was lost to The Almighty One. They could not be blessed with the promises given to Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh. They will not be blessed until they walk together with God. The Ten Lost Tribes of Israel, prophetically, cannot be blessed. They will be destroyed. "Two cannot walk together unless they be agreed" (Amos 3:3). Do you grasp what The Prophet

is telling you? "Walking together" has greater meaning than just "being in agreement."

Jesus said, "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother" (Matthew 12:50). When it comes to following Jesus, there are three different groups of people (Matthew 13). The first category is comprised of those who are too busy with their human existence. They don't have the time to follow God. The second group runs into some persecution and decide to quit following Him. The final group consist of the ones who keep growing and producing good fruit. They follow God's will at all costs.

Those who seek The Will of God are the brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers in Christ's family. There is much more involved when walking together as "One." "This is my commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants [slaves]; for the servant knows not what his lord does: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard [God's word] of my Father I have made known to you. You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it [to] you" (John 15:12-16). My, do you understand these powerful Jesus repeats His command that you must love one another (John 15:17). This is more than just

being a brother, sister, mother or father who resides in the same family.

By loving each other, you become friends of Jesus. As family members, you are in God's family. But as friends, you begin to learn to love each other to the death, if need be. Learning to love your brother shows your fruits. Those fruits are kept within The Bride of Christ. Now, anything you ask from God will be given to you if you are faithful; and it is His will. This will be The Wedding Feast. Walking together on the same path is a loving friendship where you are willing to die for each other. You are more than a family, because you are composed of the same flesh and body. You will be married. You have become ready or worthy to be The Bride of Christ (Revelation 19:7-8). This is a love covenant by blood, where life is more than, just, living a mortal life. You will be living an Eternal Life.

When Jesus died and paid for your sins, you and all Christians became God's people and family. When you love Jesus and are willing to die for Him, you become eternal-life friends as His bride (when worthy). Two cannot walk together until they are agreed. This is more than being just agreeable. Rather, it is a friend for life because you understand truth.

The Wedding Feast

Only those who are invited to The Wedding Feast will be *blessed* (Revelation 19:9). No *blessings* can be given to Israel, Judah or The Churches of God until they are invited to The Wedding Feast. For a person to be invited, they must either be The Bride or a guest. No blessings will be placed upon Joseph until *The Millennium*. *Israel* will be *saved*, but only, during *The Millennium*.

Read *The Beatitudes* in Matthew 5:1-12. Christ offers these rewards only to His *Disciples*. Why is this? "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13). You are to be a witness (like Jesus) during The Time of The Gentiles.

Time Of The Gentiles

If The Ten Tribes of Israel are great nations during The Times of The Gentiles, then The Gentiles' rule must be over and fulfilled. This is what Jesus said in Luke 21:24. Jerusalem will no longer be trodden down and a place of great trouble for the world. The biblical proof is overwhelming. There is no restoration of Judah or Israel until The Gentile Rule is finished. Read about Samaria and how The Ten Tribes of Israel shall be taken captive by Assyria (Amos 3).

Listen to God's indictment of The Ten Tribes of Israel. "Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel...prepare to meet your God, O Israel [Ten Tribes]" (Amos 4:12). "Hear you this word which I take up against you, even a lamentation [crying], O house of Israel [The Ten Tribes]. The virgin [bride] of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; there is none to raise her up" (Amos 5:1-2).

This is a very strong and clear prophecy. God, through Amos, issues an indictment against The Ten Tribes of

Israel. These Ten Tribes cannot rise to prominence as long as The Times of The Gentiles continues. Israel's land cannot be restored since no one will redeem The Ten Lost Tribes until The Times of The Gentiles are fulfilled. It can't be said any clearer. It gets more explicit for The Ten Tribes, "Then said I, O Lord God, cease, I beseech you: by whom shall Jacob [Israel] arise? For he is small. The Lord repented for this: This also shall not be, said the Lord God" (Amos 7:5-6). The Ten Tribes of Israel will remain small during The Times of The Gentiles. No one can allow them to become a great nation in any part of the world. When The Ten Tribes went into captivity, they were not great and would die in a polluted land (Amos 7:17).

God promises, just as summer fruits will eventually rot, He will not bless Israel, any longer (Amos 8:2). What happens to Israel while they are in captivity among The Gentiles? God and Israel (The Ten Lost Tribes) cannot walk together until they are in agreement. This will not occur until she is ready to turn to God to become The Bride of Christ. Israel was first but became last. Judah follows and the same outcome results one hundred and thirty years later. They do not have peace in their land until the two sticks are joined together as one.

There are no blessings of greatness until The Times of The Gentiles are fulfilled. Both Israel and Judah (who were first) must become last until they grow in righteousness. They will, eventually, be made first again as God's people.

CHAPTER 9

ISRAEL IN CAPTIVITY

For The Ten Lost Tribes of Israel to become a great nation, God must restore them. "The last" cannot be great again until Christ returns. It is time to discover where they will be, prophetically.

Ten Tribes Cursed

Here is God's purpose for Israel in captivity. "And though they go into captivity [Israel] before their enemies, thence will I command the sword and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil and not for good" (Amos 9:4). There cannot be any greatness for The Ten Tribes of Israel while they are in captivity. All Israel does is fight wars. This is why God will not give them The Blessings of Joseph. Notice how God, "Calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the face of the earth" (Amos 9:6). Israel is to be spread throughout the world and will not be together as a nation. God calls Israel a sinful kingdom and intends to destroy Israel, except for a select remnant (The House of Jacob) (Amos 9:8). God did not promise that Israel would become great empires in the world like The United States or Britain. Amos reveals just the opposite and clearly states what God plans for Israel when they go into captivity, "For, lo, I will command and I will sift [scatter] the house of Israel among all nations [Gentiles], like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth" (Amos 9:9). It can't be any clearer. God will scatter The Ten Tribes of Israel worldwide. They will be in Asia, Russia, Germany, Italy, Africa, The United States and Britain. Now, focus on the important part of the prophecy. Amos says, "not the least grain [will] fall to the earth." In Hebrew, it means they will stay scattered – worldwide. Not one of The Israelites will be removed from their captivity. They will be like a heavy stone. They cannot and will not be removed from their captivity to become any great nation or nations! Most of them will be destroyed and only a remnant will be saved (Romans 11). That is final and absolute.

How Israel Is Blessed

Does The Bible tell you how Israel will be blessed by the promise given to Joseph? Yes, it does! Very simply and clearly, God's word stands (Romans 11:9-25). Paul instructs The Gentiles in Rome that they have received grace just as Christ predicted. God was going to call an elect from among The Gentile Nations who would become worthy (Matthew 21). Israel and Judah were blinded by their sins. Both nations, meaning the two sticks, were scattered worldwide. Paul said, "I say then, Have they [Israel] stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their [Israel] fall salvation is come to the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world and the diminishing of them [Israel] the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness [completion]?" (Romans 11:11-12).

There will be no greatness for The Israelites. Until God restores Israel, The Gentiles are the great nations and not The Lost Tribes of Israel. How and when does God remove the curse upon Israel and Judah? Paul answers this question, "Well; because of unbelief they were broken off and you stand by faith. Be not high minded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not you. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell [Israel and Judah], severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in his goodness: otherwise you also shall be cut off" (Romans 11:20-22).

While Israel and Judah are captive worldwide, Paul foretells that Israel will be dealt with – very severely. God will not bless them to become a great nation. That is final. Paul, then, tells how long God is going to deal harshly with Israel. "For I would not, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, less you should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part [except a remnant] is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in" (Romans 11:25).

Until The Times of The Gentiles conclude and Jesus returns, Israel does not become great in any nation. God is going to deal, severely, with them while they are scattered like corn – worldwide. Then, and only then, does God save all Israel (The Ten Lost Tribes and Judah). "And so all Israel [in Greek, in this manner] shall be saved: as it is written [prophesied]." What is written? "There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob" (Romans 11:26). Israel and Judah never become great until The

Messiah comes and, only then, they will be blessed. Paul said, "For this is my covenant to them, when I shall take away their sins" (Romans 11:27). God will not bless Israel or Judah while they are still sinning. The blessings will not take place until The Times of The Gentiles are fulfilled with The Messiah's return. When Jesus returns, "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance" (Romans 11:29). That is exactly what happened to The Gentiles. God will do the same to Israel and Judah (the two sticks). "Even so have these [Israel] also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. For God has concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all [the world]. O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments [justice] and his ways past finding out!" (Romans 11:31-33).

Paul finishes this prophecy about Judah and Israel by saying, "For of him and through him and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. A-men" (Romans 11:36). Paul spells out all the prophecies you have just gone over. Israel and Judah went into captivity and were cursed. They were never blessed as great nations. With The Return of The Messiah, both Israel and The Gentiles will be saved. Those who were first become last. In the future, they will be first once again. The Lost Ten Tribes, worldwide, are only lost to themselves. (Read the book, The Times Of The Gentiles).

CHAPTER 10

JACOB'S BLESSING

Jacob and Moses knew what would happen during *The Last Days*. The Last Days reveal what takes place at *the end of "something."* There can be many periods of The Last Days, such as the ending of a prophecy. Jacob and Moses clearly understood their prophecies. They knew what would occur during *The Last Days*.

Last Days In Hebrew

When Jacob was close to dying, he told his children what would happen at the end (Genesis 49). The Hebrew word for "last" is "achariyth." Its literal meaning in the original Hebrew covers greater depth than The Masoretic Hebrew. This version was developed by members of The Tribe of Judah. It originated while they were in Babylonian captivity.

The Old Testament is written in modern Hebrew which is in an alphabetical script. The original Hebrew was pictorial like the root of Hebrew. This original pictorial Hebrew is very precise in its definition. It is similar to a man rowing a boat backwards – from the past into a new future. Furthermore, it symbolizes leaving one age and entering into a new age. The prophecies told by Jacob and Moses about The Last Days of Is-

rael are compared to "achariyth" with the same meaning. The Gentiles have their time of controlling God's earth. There are no scriptures giving Manasseh and Ephraim the promise to become two great nations.

In fact, the last attempt by The Gentiles to control God's *land* is performed by Gog and Magog nearly one thousand years after The Return of The Messiah. The prophecies given by Jacob and Moses specifically deal with Israel in their *time-periods* or *ages*.

Prophecy Of Jacob

This is what Jacob told would happen to his children, The Israelites, "And Jacob called to his sons and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you [Israel and Judah] in the last days" (Genesis 49:1). This is a mouthful. All Twelve Tribes of Jacob's children experience these events at the same time, which is in The Last Days. The Last Days are at The End Times for all The Twelve Tribes.

Israel and Judah cannot become two great empires because it would not fulfill the prophecies. The Levites are not sacrificing in the temple, so these are not The Last Days of Jacob's prophecy. All Twelve Tribes complete their own respective events. This is quite logical since The Twelve Tribes are to be scattered during this period of The Last Days. It is not something which occurs in all Gentile nations (Genesis 49:6-7 and Amos 9:9).

Since The Last Days refers to The End of The Age of

all Jacob's children, read the prophecy about Joseph. "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 to him. 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. And he blessed Joseph and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long to this day. The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name [authority] be named on them and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth. And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. And Joseph said to his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put your right hand upon his head. And his father refused and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he and his seed shall become a multitude of nations. And he blessed them that day, saying, In you shall Israel bless, saying, God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh. And Israel said to Joseph, Behold, I die: but God shall be with you and bring you again to the land of your fathers. Moreover, I have given to you one portion [mountain slope] above your brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow [by military force]" (Genesis 48:13-22).

Do you understand the reality of what comprised Jacob's blessings? It was Jacob's Last Will and Testament! What did Jacob say to his family? Jacob told about how Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers and how he was falsely jailed in Egypt. Joseph forgave his brothers. Jacob gave a double blessing to Ephraim and Manasseh (Genesis 49:26). This is so plain. When does this extra blessing happen? The answer is, "But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he has: for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his" (Deuteronomy 21:17). This is why Esau complained about Isaac preferring the vounger son over the older. The older son was not as righteous as the younger. As an example, if the firstborn was like Esau, who hated his brother (as with Cain over Abel), then The Law demanded the firstborn to be put to death by stoning (Deuteronomy 21:18-21).

Joseph was a type of Christ, the shepherd, the stone (chief stone) of Israel to come (Genesis 49:24). That is another scriptural proof regarding why this blessing takes place after The Return of The Messiah. Here is the reason why Jacob gave the extra blessing to Joseph's children. "The blessings of your father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors to 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" (Genesis 49:26). This is God's system of transferring the double portion of the firstborn son to the more righteous son (the example of Esau and Cain). Joseph's younger son was more righteous than the older son, just as Abel was

more righteous than Cain. Therefore, the younger son received a greater inheritance. Jacob gave all the inheritance which he received in his lifetime to The Twelve Tribes of Israel (Genesis 49). Joseph's son was the selected firstborn instead of Reuben, who was Jacob's true firstborn. Reuben was rejected from receiving the double portion. This was because of his sexual problems (Genesis 49:2-4). Reuben could not become an empire – at any time. This was because Reuben was unstable as a leader. God's word is truly wise and simple.

This Last Will of Jacob could not go into effect until God was ready to pass on to the next generation all of the promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The enforcement of this will was predicated upon The Return of The Messiah (the stone of Israel). The stone of Israel was Jesus, the chief corner stone, who was rejected by His people. The Gentiles have, also, rejected Jesus. Until Jesus returns, Israel and Judah (the two sticks known as The Ten Lost Tribes and Judah) cannot complete their promises of being one stick, which was destined to fulfill their inheritance. Now, you will discover what The Times of The Gentiles represent.

CHAPTER 11

BABYLON, THE GREAT

"And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen and is become the habitation of devils and the hold of every foul spirit and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird" (Revelation 18:2).

The Great Nation Is Not Israel Or Judah

Babylon, The Great, is the only great nation before The Messiah returns. This includes Israel, The Ten Lost Tribes and Judah. Israel and Judah have been scattered into all nations like corn is passed through a sieve. Not one seed of corn will be allowed to drop to the earth and grow into a separate great nation (Amos 9:9).

This does not mean that Joseph's children would not prosper while in slavery. Joseph's *life* was an example of being *blessed*, whether in jail or as a slave. This type of life prevails while Joseph's children, Ephraim and Manasseh, were slaves in Babylon. Living as *slaves* in Babylon or in The Promised Land, they received a double portion as God's firstborn (Deuteronomy 21:17).

When Israel came to The Jordan River, Manasseh received a double portion of land, with one mountain on

The Eastern Side of The Jordan River and the other portion on The Western Side. So this "tribe" received a double portion.

"His glory is like the firstling [firstborn] of his bull-ock 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" (Deuteronomy 33:17). This Mosaic prophecy is the reason Manasseh received two lands — one on the eastern side and the other on the western side of The Jordan River. They are The Tribe who agreed to fight when Israel went into The Promised Land. This was the time of battle with Joshua who helped Israel push The Canaanites from their land. They kept fighting until the job was done.

It does not matter whether they were in slavery or living during The Times of The Gentiles. Wherever Joseph's children are located, they prosper – even in slavery or elsewhere.

Here was the reason God blessed Joseph. "And for the precious things of the earth and fullness thereof and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush [God's angel]: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren" (Deuteronomy 33:16).

Joseph's brothers were jealous of him and sold him into slavery. Only Judah was against killing him and agreed to sell him to The Medianites. Later on, Judah

repented of his mistake and agreed to be a pledge (offering his life) for Benjamin. Because Judah saved his brother Joseph's life and pledged to give his own life, "the last days prophecy" concerning Judah remains with the sceptre (government), that is, until Shiloh comes.

Shiloh is where the tabernacle was placed in Joshua's land in Canaan. This was "God's dwelling place," which Jesus restored at His first coming. However, they rejected Him. Now, this prophecy remains to be fulfilled at Christ's second coming.

Judah remains as the lawgiver and sceptre holder, as in Christ's day. Judah was not controlled by The Jews but by strangers. The same is true today. Christ must come to restore true temple worship in order to complete "the beginning to the end."

Babylon, The Tower Of Babel

Babylon existed at The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:6). So, God divided the people because all nations were in Babylon. Each nation was later divided into its own inheritance (land). Consequently, they conceived their own idea of what was true. Whether it would be The Aztecs, Asians, Caucasians or Africans, each had their own concept of Noah and the flood.

Today's religions are much the same. They are called sects or denominations. To "denominate" is "to divide" (I Corinthians 3). Finally, the world has come back to the place where it is a replica of The Tower of Babel.

With electronics and increased technology (Science and The Internet), the world is, again, headed toward a one-world government. Now, The Times of The Gentiles (strangers to God) will be fulfilled.

All In Babylon

As strange as it seems, the whole world is in Babylon and is controlled by human Science. The best humanity can do, today, is in the realm of their imaginations. It is the process of abstraction, which is to observe (see and hear) and guess through mathematical probabilities. In this manner, Scientists claim their theories are the truth. That isn't too bad, but what mankind cannot do, is understand another dimension not governed by human physics. It is a spiritual dimension. Again, "dimensions" as "denominations" mean "a division." They will always contradict each other. That creates disagreements, because each individual has his/ her own understanding. Biblically, it is called a "doctrine." "Doctrine" is nothing more than "a teaching." The trouble is *The Truth of God* is a mystery and, by only knowing a part of the truth, you can be led to false conclusions (I Corinthians 13:12). You are human and can only see a part of the truth.

When you take dogmatic stances and demand everyone think the same way, there is only one conclusion which is division. That is why Jesus said a nation divided against itself cannot stand. It will be in disagreement and will, finally, be weakened and conquered. That is The Times of The Gentiles (Babylon). It is a time of existing without God. By being mixed, the people

are divided. Because they are divided, the end will be world-suicide. The ultimate conclusion is confusion, which leads to anger, blame and self-destruction. God must intervene or complete destruction will come. Without God, there is no way out of Babylon.

God's Two Witnesses

God has chosen two groups of people to be His witnesses. Israel was first, then failed and had to go to the back of the line. The Gentiles, then, had their chance to learn about God. When they were "first" and, then, became "last," they lost their standing for lack of qualifications.

These seven churches were represented by The Menorah. They were to be God's Golden Candlesticks or lights as witnesses to the world. Here is what Jesus said, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent [change]. Behold, I stand at the door and [anytime] knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door [mind], I will come in to him and will sup [Wedding Feast] with him and he with me. To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne" (Revelation 3:19-21).

There were two witnesses and both failed to qualify to become Christ's bride. The first, Israel, is now put in last place. The last were first, The Gentiles replacing Israel, but they failed and now Israel replaces the Gentiles and Israel becomes first again. The world, at this present time, is in Babylon, which is a mixtures

of ideas – partly false, mixed with a little bit of truth. Because both failed their tests, the end result will be destruction and death. During The Times of The Gentiles, the nations will be strangers to God. So, it is apparent how God's two witnesses are in Babylon. The whole world, except for the few who are worthy, lives in a state of Babylon (Matthew 7:14).

Christ Pleads

Who or what is Babylon? "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through abundance of her delicacies" (Revelation 18:3).

There are no great nations originating from "The Blessings of Joseph" and there are no world rulers who have been blessed because of Joseph. All nations, worldwide, and world rulers, are in Babylon. God's wrath (not blessings) is placed upon all rulers and nations. During The Times of The Gentiles, the nations aren't blessed. Rather, they are in Babylon, just like Rome, when Christ was upon the earth. Here is what God tells His people, His two witnesses, Israel and The Church of God (Gentiles), "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that you be not partakers of her sins and that you receive not of her plagues" (Revelation 18:4). That's it. There are no great nations receiving Joseph's blessing for The Lost Ten Tribes of Israel. All nations of the world are in Babylon, including the followers of God (His two witnesses). Babylon is great and lives deliciously.

"How much she has glorified herself and lived deliciously [rich], so much torment and sorrow give her: for she says in her heart, I sit a queen and am no widow and shall see no sorrow" (Revelation 18:7). Wow! What pride!

This System of Babylon claims to be The Queen of Heaven. She claims to be Christ's bride and one who never lost her husband. She is no widow, rather she believes she has her husband's blessings from heaven. These are the blessings of riches which were given to Joseph as listed in Genesis 48. Babylon never had God's blessings. How deceived can people be?

Let's put the whole question to rest. Did The Ten Tribes of Israel, who were *lost*, become *two great nations* like The United States and Great Britain? Obviously, biblically, you are told it is *not so*. What is *the solution* concerning Israel, Judah and The Blessings of Joseph? It is time to, scripturally, give you *the truth*.

CHAPTER 12

THE BLESSINGS OF JOSEPH

Joseph became God's, physical, firstborn in Israel. (Jesus, as Savior, was God's Spiritual Firstborn). Physical blessings came through Joseph. Spiritual blessings came through Jesus. Prosperity, riches and rulership have been promised to Joseph. How does God complete His promise to His firstborn according to The Law (Deuteronomy 21:17)?

Last Days And End Of Days

There is a great difference between The Last Days and The End of Days. (Read the book, The Mystery Of God). The Last Days represent the process of ending one age and entering a new age. The End of Days is The End of The Age of Man (darkness). The Last Days began when Jesus was on this earth (Hebrews 1:1-2). From those Last Days, a new age began to change from The Old Covenant to The New Covenant. Jesus is the schoolmaster to teach the truth (John 1:17 and Galatians 3:24).

A Wonderful Prophecy

Any Rabbi will tell you *The Old Covenant* teaches about many saviors. What are they "the saviors" of?

That is a mystery for you to solve.

Just before Moses died, he gathered all Israel together and gave his final message to them. He appointed Joshua, which in Hebrew means "Yoshua" or "savior," to continue leading The Israelites into The Promised Land. God changed Joshua's name from "Oshea" to "Jehoshua" (Joshua) (Numbers 13:16). The Old Covenant was only given to Israel because God loved them (Deuteronomy 5:3). Here is what God said to Israel, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both you and your seed may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19). This is, indeed, a glorious promise.

Adam and Eve had free choice between The Tree of Life and The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil, which leads to death. God always gives free choice. Prophecy is always meant to be conditional. Prophecy isn't about time but, rather, the fulfillment of an agreement. You are ready to, biblically, prove when The Blessings of Joseph, given by Jacob, actually take place (Genesis 48 and 49). Amazingly, it is not during The Times of The Gentiles.

Moses Solves The Problem

The captivity of The Ten Lost Tribes caused them to be scattered worldwide (Amos 9:9). During The Times of The Gentiles, not one seed (Israelite) grows as a nation or is fruitful. This blessing upon Joseph does not take place during the entire period of Gentile rule. In

fact, you find all nations are drunk in Babylon, just as The Book of Revelation substantiates. When do these blessings given Joseph occur? A shocking prophecy is about to unfold and Moses reveals it. (Read The Song of Moses and Israel entering into The Promised Land in Deuteronomy 32).

Israel as Jeshurun is waxed fat. "Jeshurun" in Hebrew means "a stubborn ox" (who resists) (Deuteronomy 32:15). Israel became super rich in King David's day and in Solomon's day. When Solomon died, The Israelites were divided into two sticks or nations – Israel and Judah. Israel, finally, went astray as The Ten Lost Tribes (Judah followed one hundred and thirty years later). Both nations ended up in captivity until The Times of The Gentiles are completed. When is Israel given the blessings of Joseph? Remember, if all Israel remains faithful as they enter God's property, then, they will be blessed with the good life. In fact, God gives life as opposed to death (Deuteronomy 30:19).

If Israel had repented they could have kept The Promised Land. The Millennium could have started and Israel would not have been taken as slaves. Entering God's property was meant to be forever. God would have dwelt with Israel from King David's day, eternally, in The Temple of God, if Israel had kept The Law. God's glory will do the same during the period for The Ezekiel Temple at the end of The One Thousand Years. That is The Millennium (Ezekiel 43:4). You have been given a wonderful prophecy! When are The Blessings of Joseph fulfilled? It is not during The

Times of The Gentiles, but will take place when Israel enters *The Land of God* with Joshua as *a savior*. How amazing!

Read Moses' blessing, "And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death" (Deuteronomy 33:1). Just like Jacob, Moses reveals God's blessings as The Israelites are about to go into The Promised Land with Joshua as their savior. Moses basically predicts the same blessing as given by Jacob (Genesis 48 and 49; and Deuteronomy 33:6-25). Moses adds what Jacob didn't state and, then, Jacob adds what Moses didn't mention. You must put the two accounts together to understand the full prophecy. What is essential is the time period. Jacob states it is *The Last Days*. The Last Days signify an age. It is moving from one stage to another. This last age is the beginning of a new age for Israel. They are leaving the wilderness and, finally, they will come into God's rest (God's Sabbath delight). God will, then, do all the work. It is God's blessing predicated upon free choice.

Israel will obey God's word, just as Abraham did (in faith). It was based upon The Old Covenant and it could remain with their seed in the land, eternally. When that happens, The Millennium will follow. Amazingly, it is at this time when The Blessings of Joseph occur! The blessings predicted by Jacob transpire with Joshua taking Israel into God's Promised Land. Read the prophecy, "And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long and he shall dwell be-

tween his [God's] shoulders. And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the Lord be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew and for the deep that couches beneath, And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun and for the precious things put forth by the moon. And for the chief things of the ancient mountains and for the precious things of the lasting hills. And for the precious things of the earth and fullness thereof and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren. 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" (Deuteronomy 33:12-17).

This is not a prophecy for The Lost Tribes of Israel in captivity. During The Times of The Gentiles, all nations are in Babylon (Revelation 18). The Blessings of Joseph given by Moses refer to the time of Israel entering God's property. Jacob and Moses both related the promises made to Israel when they went into The Promised Land. The Israelites "free choice" has the same requirement. This does not mean, Israel in captivity (Babylon), does not produce or invent many good things. It is just like Joseph in Egypt. He was always blessed by God to the point of becoming second in command under Pharaoh. However, he still was in Egypt (sin), which is compared to The Land of Babylon.

Since The Ten Lost Tribes of Israel and Judah are

scattered into all nations, they never became great nations on their own. This time is for The Gentiles' rule and Israel does not return to their land until The Messiah restores them. The Lost Tribes were truly lost to the world, but only God knows where they are located (Amos 9:9). God plainly declared, "I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them [Israel] to cease from among men" (Deuteronomy 32:26). The Bible irrevocably commands Israel, The Ten Lost Tribes, to never become great nations until The Messiah returns. That's it. Israel will only be blessed by God when they are brought back to a proper relationship with God and their land is restored.

Proper temple worship will be restored by Jesus. The Old Covenant will, then, be reinstated so it can bring everyone (who had not followed God) to Christ (just as The Book of Galatians claims). Then, and only then, the land of inheritance will be given to Israel (Ezekiel 48). The Blessings of God continue as they began during the time of Joshua.

The first who became last, will, once again, become first. The "pearl of great price" compares with The Gates to God's House called The Twelve Pearly Gates. It is for The Gentiles and this will mean they are called to The Wedding Feast of The Groom and His Bride. (Read the book, The Wedding Feast).

Israel had their chance. They messed up. Christ came and gave The Gentiles their chance. They, too, failed. Only a small group of The Twelve Tribes of Israel and a countless number of Gentiles followed God

and Christ. But, The Plan of God is for all those that did not follow God to have their opportunity. God will wait for all the lost sheep to be saved. Eventually, everyone will become part of The Family of God. This plan has been in place for thousands of years. Now, you are coming to the end-game. These are momentous times you live in.

This is the right time for you to make the most important decision of your life. While there is still time look to your Heavenly Father. He is The Only One who can truly be there for you.