## Joseph's Wife and the Prodigal Son





## **Epistle Greetings**

- James 1:1 James, a servant of Elohiym and of the Adonai יהושע Messiah, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.
- 1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of יהושע Messiah, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
- 2 John 1:1 The elder <u>unto the elect lady and her children</u>, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;
- 2 John 1:13 <u>The children of thy elect sister</u> greet thee.

#### **End Time Shout Outs**

- Revelation 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.
- Revelation 21:10/12 ...the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from Elohiym...And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

#### Messiah's Mission

Matthew 15:22/24 - ...a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto Him...But He answered and said, <u>I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel</u>.





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 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians G5546 first in Antioch.

 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. G5546

 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, G5546 let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

#### The Covenant with Abraham

• And the angel of יהוה called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith יהוה for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. (Genesis 22:15-18)

## Covenant Repeated to Isaac

• And יהוה appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. (Genesis 26:2-5)

## Covenant Repeated to Jacob

- ...I am יהוה the Elohiym of Abraham thy father, and the Elohiym of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy Seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. (Genesis 28:13-15)
- And Elohiym said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but <u>Israel shall be thy name</u>: and he called his name Israel. (Genesis 35:10)

#### The Seeds of Jacob

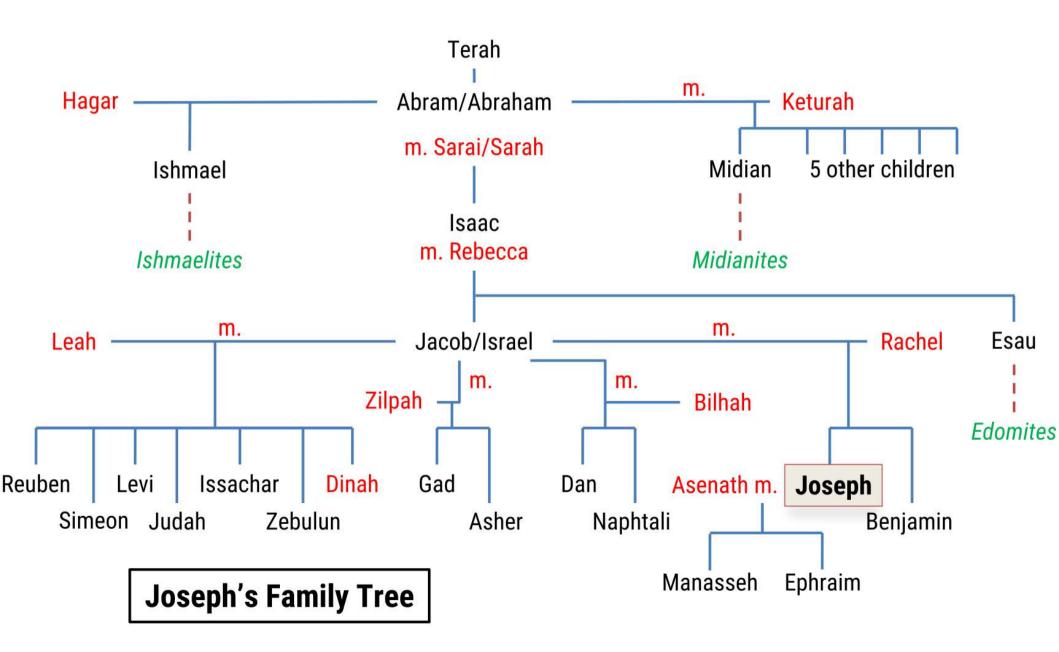
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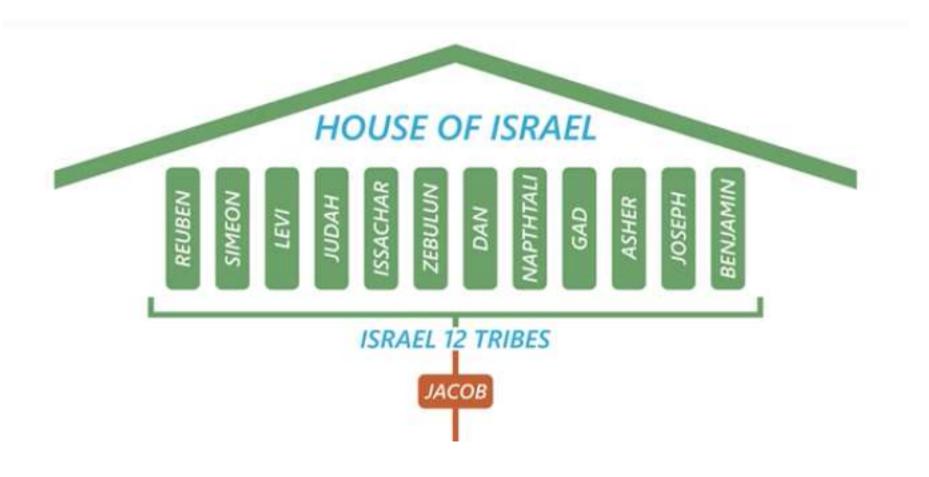
# Paul clarifies The Promise to Abraham

- Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy Seed, which is Messiah. (Galatians 3:16)
- The seed covenant (promise) has two parts:
  - physical (the DNA descendants of Abraham) that will return again to the land – what most Jews focus on
  - spiritual (the singular Seed, Messiah, that will bless all that receive) – what most Christians focus on

#### Jacob/ Israel had 12 sons



## The Original House of Israel



## Joseph Summary

- His father's favorite son (the coat of colors) (Genesis 37:3)
- His jealous brothers kidnap him and he gets sold into slavery (Genesis 37:4-25)
- He has a false witness against him and gets thrown into jail in Egypt (Genesis 39:14-20)
- He is brought out of jail to interpret Pharoah's dreams (Genesis 41:1-37)
- He is elevated to second in command in Egypt (Genesis 41:38-44)



## Joseph Gets Married

 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt. (Genesis 41:44-45)



## Joseph has Two Sons

 And <u>unto Joseph were born two sons before the</u> years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him. And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For Elohiym, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house. And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For Elohiym hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction. (Genesis 41:50-52)

## Pagan Sun god Worshippers

- Potipherah "he whom Ra has given"\*
- On a city in lower Egypt, (next Heliopolis, now in Cairo at the land of Goshen). It was principally notable as the cult center of the sun god Atum, who came to be identified with Ra and then Horus.

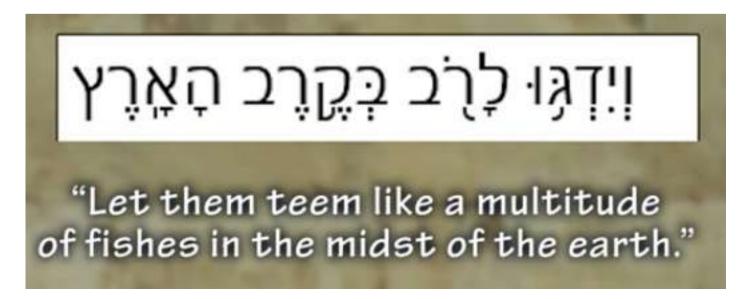




<sup>\*</sup> Smith, William (1865). A Concise Dictionary of the Bible for the Use of Families and Students.

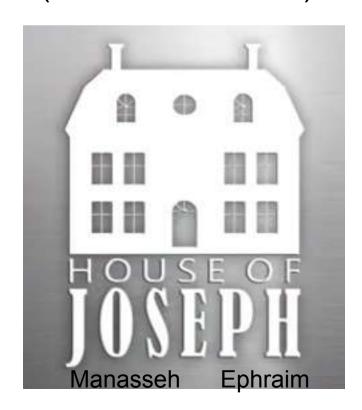
## Israel blesses Joseph's sons

- And Jacob said unto Joseph...And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine. (Genesis 48:3/5)
- The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, <u>bless the lads; and let my name be named on them</u>, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and <u>let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth</u>. (Genesis 48:16)



## House of Joseph defined

- And Joshua spake unto <u>the house of Joseph</u>, even <u>to Ephraim</u> and to <u>Manasseh</u>, saying, Thou art a great people, and hast great power: <u>thou shalt not have one lot only</u>: (Joshua 17:17)
- And Israel said unto Joseph...<u>I have given to thee one portion</u> above thy brethren... (Genesis 48:21-22)





## Manasseh and Ephraim A Mixture from the Start

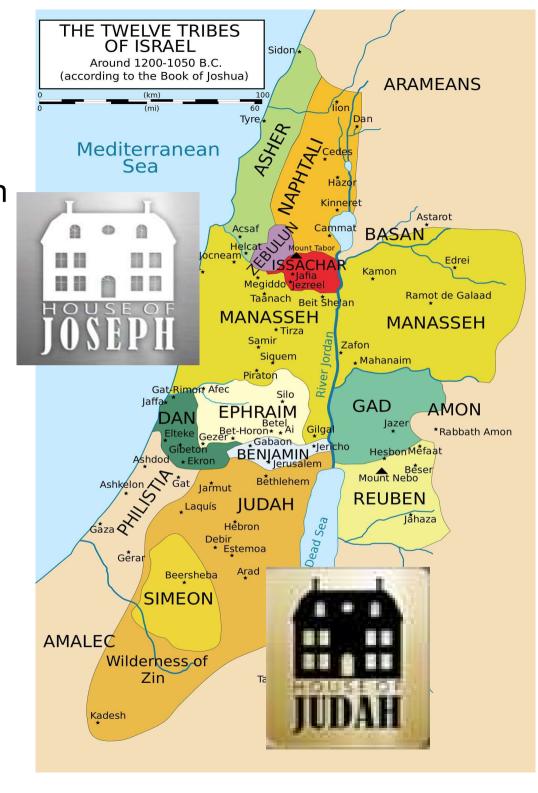


- Manasseh and Ephraim had a mixture of blessings and pagan practices in their genetic inheritance
  - Joseph a righteous, blessed Hebrew Israelite descendant from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
  - Asenath a Gentile Egyptian daughter of a sun god worshipping pagan high priest
- And Elohiym said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. (Genesis 1:11)
- Ye shall know them by their fruits (Matthew 7:16)

## House Name Consolidation

 Judah shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north. (Joshua 18:5)

- Lot for Judah (Joshua 15)
- Lot for Ephraim (Joshua 16)
- Lot for Manasseh (Joshua 17)
- Lots for the other tribes
   (Joshua 18-19)



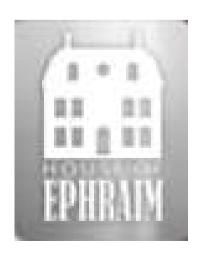
#### The House of Judah

 And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, That the men of Jabeshgilead were they that buried Saul. (2 Samuel 2:4)



## The House of Ephraim introduced

• And the anger of יהוה was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon. And that year they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel: eighteen years, all the children of Israel that were on the other side Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead. Moreover the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed. - Judges 10:9



#### Houses of Israel and Judah

- ...Thus saith יהוה Elohiym of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things. (2 Samuel 12:7-8)
  - Previously, the House of Israel always encompassed all 12 tribes





## Ahijah and Jeroboam

 The prophet Ahijah tears his garment into 12 pieces and gives Jeroboam 10.



#### The House of Israel



...Jeroboam was a mighty man...and Solomon...made him ruler over all the charge of the <a href="https://house.or/>h

...<u>if thou wilt... keep my statutes and my commandments...</u>I will be with thee, and <u>build thee a sure house</u>, as I built for David, and <u>will give Israel unto thee</u>. (1 Kings 11:38)

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## Israel is Split Up

 1 Kings 11-12 – Israel splits into two kingdoms because of Soloman's worship of pagan gods



• <u>Israel</u>

(Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh), Reuben, Gad, Dan, Issachar, Simeon, Zebulon, Naphtali, Asher)

Judah

(Judah, Benjamin, Levi)

#### The Sins of Jeroboam

- Made two calves of gold and set them in Bethel and Dan for the people to worship (1 Kings 12:28-30)
- Made a temple of high places and made priests not of the sons of Levi (1 Kings 12:28-31)
- Ordained a feast in the <u>eight month on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month</u> in Bethel (<u>which he devised of his own heart</u>) and performed sacrifices at the temple there. (1 Kings 12:33)
- 1 Kings 14:7-9/15 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith יהוה Elohiym of Israel...But hast done evil above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back:...For יהוה shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and He shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves Asherah poles, provoking into anger.



#### The Divorce from Israel



- ...the <u>land hath committed great whoredom, departing from יהוה.</u>
  (Hosea 1:2)
- And יהוה said... <u>I...</u> will cause to cease the kingdom of the **house of** <u>Israel</u>... I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but <u>I will</u> <u>utterly take them away.</u> (Hosea 1:4/6)
- ...ye are not my people, and I will not be yours. Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living El. (Hosea 1:9-10)
- Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living El. (Romans 9:24-26)

## The Northern Kingdom Falls





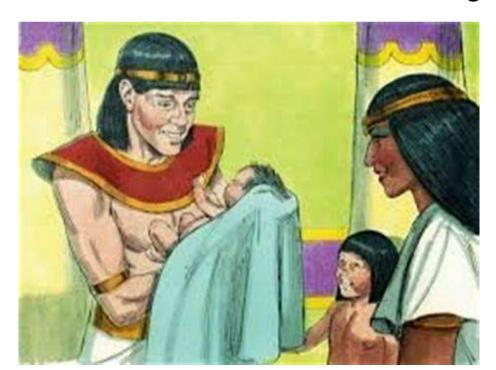
After the Queen of Heaven



 Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure. (Hosea 8:8)

## Mixture in the House of Joseph

- Israel was dispersed because they called upon the name of but did not keep His commandments (worshipping the Queen of Heaven, sun gods, and different feasts, etc.)
  - Part righteous and blessed
  - Part pagan
- The House of Joseph was of greater numbers and power than the other tribes, which carried over after the Kingdom's split



#### Punishment for Israel

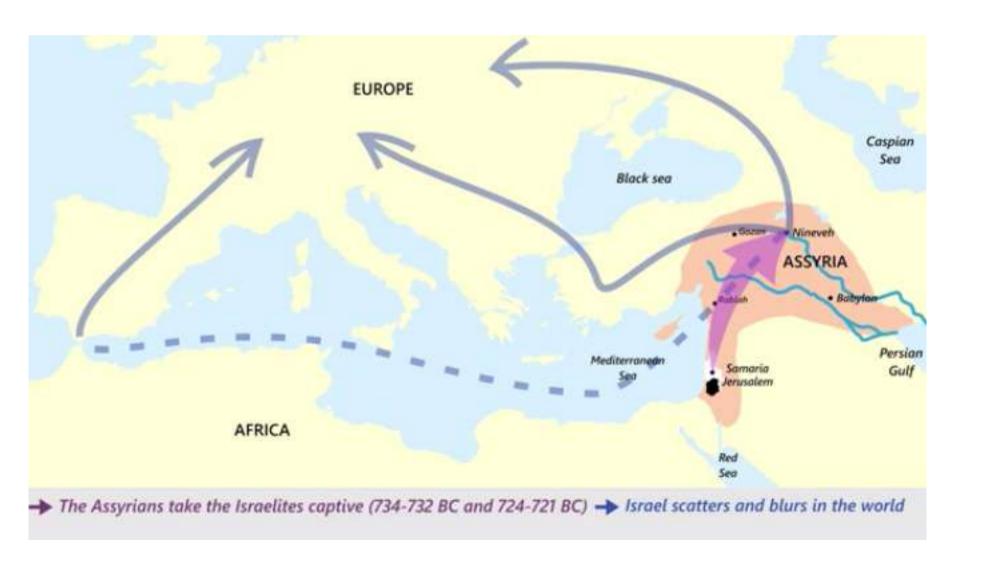
- For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year. (Ezekiel 4:5-6)
- And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then <u>I will</u> punish you seven times more for your sins. (Leviticus 26:18)



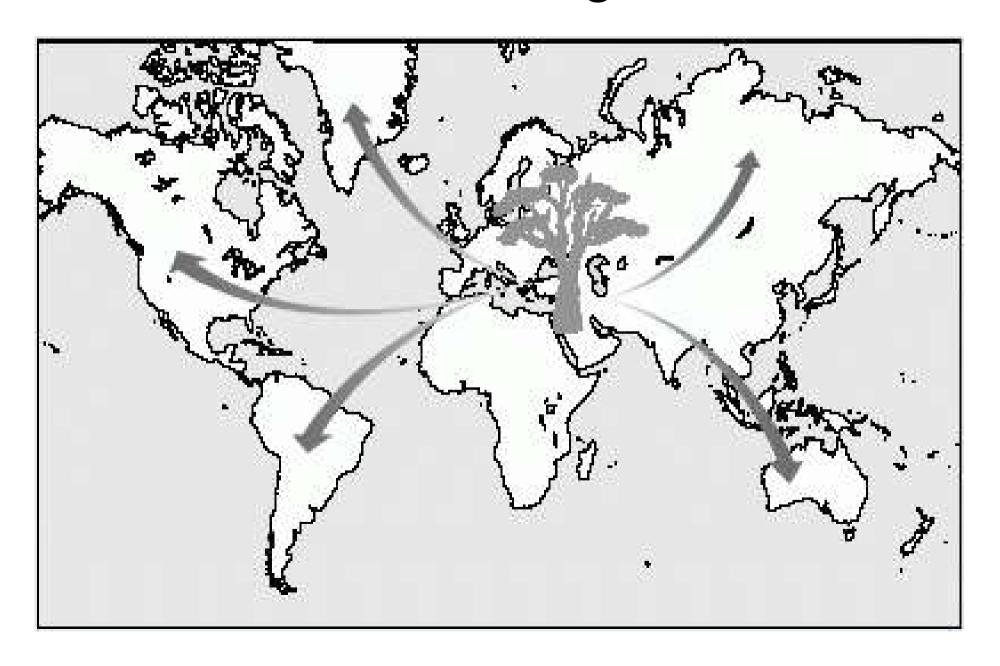
#### The House of Israel Scattered

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

## House of Israel Immigration Paths

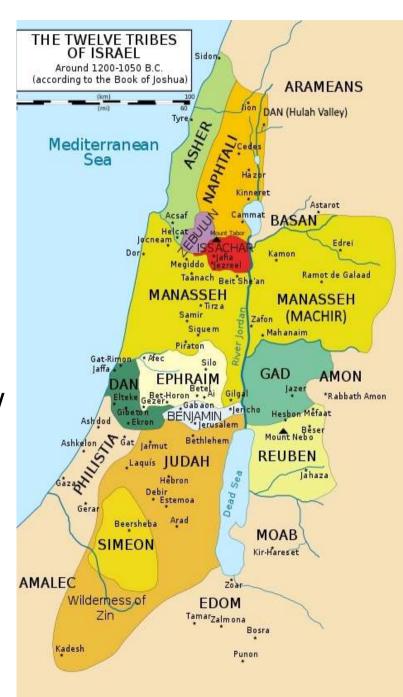


## House of Israel Immigration Paths



### Gad, Reuben, and Manasseh's Altar

Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered, and said unto the heads of the thousands of Israel... In time to come your children might speak unto our children...For יהוה hath made Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben and children of Gad; ye have no <u>part in יהוה: so shall your children make our</u> <u>children cease from fearing יהוה</u>...Let us now prepare to build us an altar ... not for burnt offering...But that it may be a witness between us, and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of יהוה before him... that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in יהוה. (Joshua 22:21)



# The Ten Tribes and A Great Journey

• Those are the ten tribes, which were carried away prisoners out of their own land in the time of Osea the king, whom Shalamanasar the king of Assyria led away captive, and he carried them over the waters, and so came they into another land. But they took this counsel among themselves, that they would leave the multitude of the heathen, and go forth into a further country, where never mankind dwelt, That they might there keep their statutes, which they never kept in their own land. And they entered into Euphrates by the narrow places of the river. For the most High then shewed signs for them, and held still the flood, till they were passed over. For through that country there was a great way to go, namely, of a year and a half: and the same region is called Arsareth. Then dwelt they there until the latter time... (2 Esdras 13:40-46)

#### The Native Americans

- Columbus identified America as Arsareth. (See Kayserling's "Christopher Columbus," translated by Dr. C. Gross, p. 15.)
- Columbus included Luis de Torres because he spoke Hebrew.
   Columbus believed or hoped that he would meet Hebrew speaking Jews on reaching the other side of the world, the "ten lost tribes of Israel".
- In 1650, a Jewish Dutch explorer of the Americas made contact with the Native Americans but after trying to communicate with them in every possible European language, he had no success. Being a Jew, as was his first mate, these two began to talk amongst themselves in Hebrew. To his utter amazement, upon hearing him speak Hebrew to his first mate, the Native American chief responded in kind and stated, "Shama Yasharal." (from "Mikveh

Yisrael", Rabbi Menashe Ben Israel, Chief Rabbi of Amsterdam)

#### **Bat Creek Stone**

- The Bat Creek Stone was professionally excavated in 1889 from an undisturbed Hopewell burial mound in Eastern Tennessee along the Little Tennessee River near the mouth of Bat Creek by the Smithsonian's Mound Survey project.
- Published by the Smithsonian in their Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology, 1890-1891 on page 392.
- Ancient Hebrew from the 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Century
  - רנ ליהוד (modern/Babylonian Hebrew font)
  - "Run to Yahudah (Judea)"



## The Decalogue Stone

- Found in 1860, an inscribed stone in a burial mound about 10 miles south of Newark Ohio
- Inscribed in square Hebrew with the 10 Commandments.
- The man is identified as Moses



#### The Keystone

- The Keystone (#2 below) was also found in 1860 at Newark Ohio
- The Keystone inscription translates as "The Holy of Holies, The Law of Alahym, The King of the Earth, The Word of "יהוה"

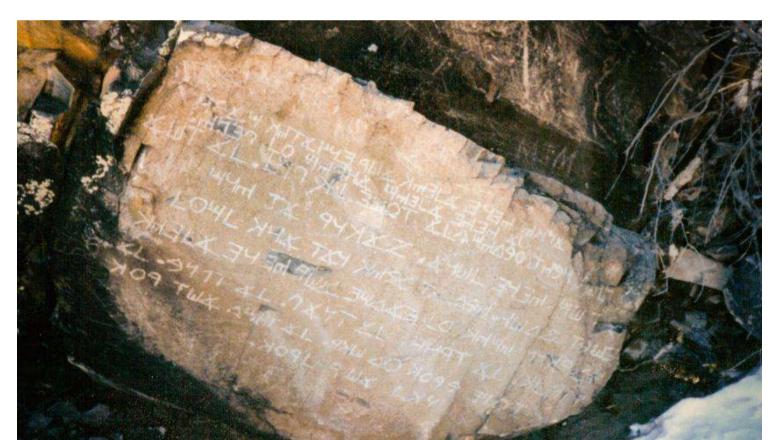


#### Los Lunas Bolder

- An 80 ton bolder west of Los Lunas New Mexico (on the side of Hidden Mountain, about 35 miles south of Albuquerque) with the 10 Commandments written in Paleo-Hebrew
- Known since at least the 1880s

 Professor Frank Hibben (University of New Mexico) first saw the bolder in 1933, covered with lichen and patination and was hardly

visible



#### **Great Lakes Map**

- Expedition map of the Great Lakes
- The route starts from the St. Lawrence River and terminates at the southern tip of Lake Michigan and into Ohio
- The text at the bottom left is Proto-Sinaitic

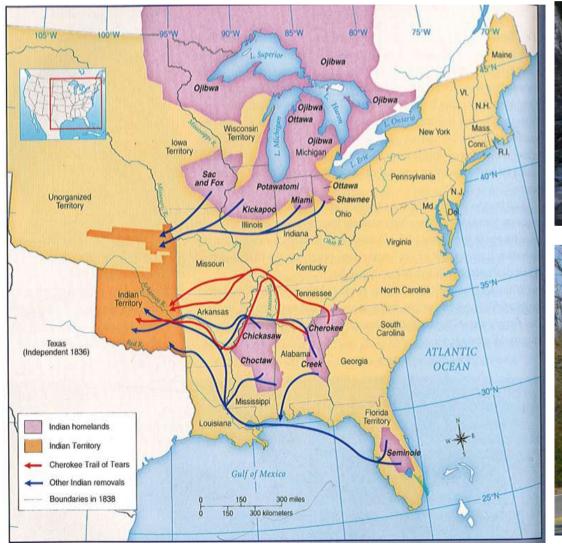


#### A letter from Thomas Jefferson

- Written to John Adams on June 11, 1812, replying to Adams' request for information on the traditions of the Indians:
  - "...Adair... believed <u>all the Indians of America to be descended</u> from the Jews: the same laws, usages, rites & ceremonies, the same sacrifices, priests, prophets, fasts and festivals, almost the same religion, and that they all spoke Hebrew. for altho he writes particularly of the Southern Indians only, the Catawbas, Creeks, Cherokees, Chickasaws and Choctaws, with whom alone he was personally acquainted, yet he generalises whatever he found among them, & brings himself to believe that the hundred languages of America, differing fundamentally every one from every other, as much as Greek from Gothic, have yet all one common prototype..."
  - James Adair, "The History of the American Indians; particularly Those Nations adjoining to the Mississippi, East and West Florida, Georgia, South and North Carolina, and Virginia" (London, 1775; Sowerby, no. 3997)

#### Native American Tragedies

 Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last. (Genesis 49:19)







## Great Britain (United Kingdom)



## Northern Ireland's Flag (Ulster Banner)

 The Flag of Northern Ireland from 1924 until 1972 when the government was abolished by the United Kingdom

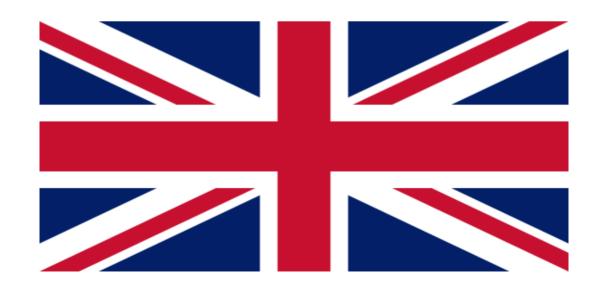


#### Zarah and Pharez

• (Judah and Tamar's sons) ...twins were in her womb...that the one put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first. And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: therefore his name was called Pharez. And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zarah. (Genesis 38:27-30)

#### Great Britain and the Union Jack

- ברית איש
  - Hebrew for "Covenant Man"
  - (a-B)(γ-EE)(π-T) (α-a)(γ-EE)(ω-SH)
  - "Breeteesh"
  - British



#### The Possible Tomb of Jeremiah

• Near Oldcastle, County Meath, Ireland.





### Joseph's Blessings

And of Joseph he said, Blessed of יהוה be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath... And for the precious things of the earth and fulness 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 33:13/16-17)



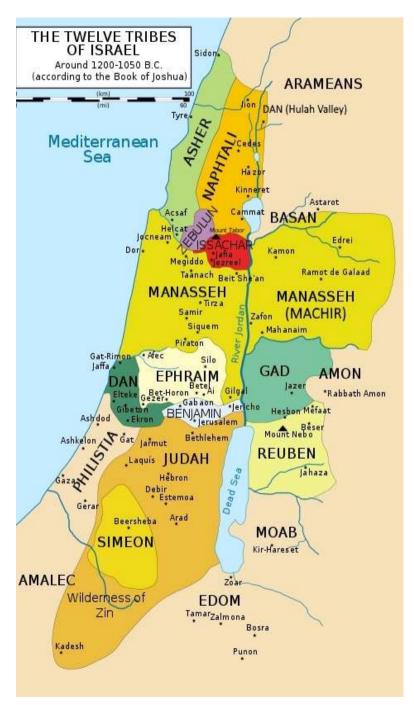
Unicorn: an animal with one horn; the monoceros. this name is often applied to the rhinoceros

(Websters Dictionary, 1828 edition)

### Ephraim and Manasseh's Blessings

- And Israel stretched out his <u>right hand</u>, and <u>laid it upon</u>
   <u>Ephraim's head</u>, <u>who was the younger</u>, and his left hand upon
   Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh
   was the firstborn. (Genesis 48:14)
- 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 unto Manasseh's head. And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy 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 thee shall Israel bless, saying, Elohiym make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh...(Genesis 48:17-20)

#### Israel and Modern Countries





#### Ephraim and Manasseh Prophecy

- Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt. (Hosea 12:1)
- And Ephraim said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: in all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me that were sin. (Hosea 12:8)
- ...He called his name Israel. And El said unto him, I am El Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; (Genesis 35:10-11)







## Ephraim's Idolatry



- O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee?... for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away. (Hosea 6:4)
- Ephraim provoked Him to anger most bitterly: therefore shall He leave his blood upon him, and his reproach shall his Adon return unto him. (Hosea 12:14)
- And <u>now they sin more and more</u>, and have made them molten images of their silver, and <u>idols according to their own</u> <u>understanding</u> (Hosea 13:2)
- Though he be fruitful among his brethren, an east wind shall come, the wind of יהוה shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels. (Hosea 13:15)
- The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is hid. The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: <u>he is an unwise son</u>... (Hosea 13:12-13)



## Houses of Ephraim and Judah



- For I will be unto <u>Ephraim</u> as a lion, and as a young lion to the <u>house of Judah</u>: I, even <u>I, will tear</u> and go away; <u>I will take away</u>, <u>and none shall rescue him</u>. (Hosea 5:14)
- Come, and <u>let us return unto יהוה:</u> for <u>He hath torn, and He will heal us;</u> He hath smitten, and He will bind us up. <u>After two days will He revive us: in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight</u>. (Hosea 6:1-2) note: 2 Peter 3:8/ Psalm 90:4

• The Spirit of יהוה is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of . (Luke 4:18)

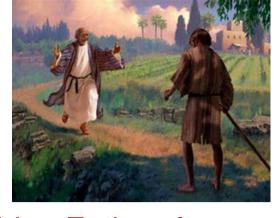
(Luke 15:11-32)



- And He said, A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.
  - The Father is יהוה, the older son is Judah, and the younger son is Ephraim
  - The division amongst them is the splitting of the Kingdom of Israel into the northern and southern kingdoms
- And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.
  - Ephraim was taken to Assyria and started to live like a heathen



- And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.
  - He ended up without any Torah in him and there was spiritual famine. He was the same as a pagan Gentile. He joined to the Christian churches but was worshipping false idols.
- And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
  - He realizes that even his father's servants have the bread of life and he is condemned in lawlessness. He has been an unwise son (Hosea 13:13)



- I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I
  have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more
  worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.
  - He will go back to the father and beg for mercy as he sinned mightily against the Torah (Jeremiah 16:19 – the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit)
- And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a
  great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran,
  and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him,
  Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no
  more worthy to be called thy son.
  - יהוה shows His great mercy



- But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:
  - Joseph's coat of colors and the father's signet ring (his authority)
  - Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of El... (1 John 3:1)
- And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.
  - Ephraim has found his way back to the Torah and eternal life.
     Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard Him, and observed Him: I am like a green fir tree.
     From me is Thy fruit found (Hosea 14:8).
  - Ye shall know them by their fruits (Matthew 7:16)



- Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him. And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:
  - Judah is angry and jealous of Ephraim, as Judah kept the commandments of the Torah.



- But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.
  - Judah was so jealous that he did not even refer to Ephraim as his brother (Romans 10:19 - ...First Moses saith, I will provoke you (Judah) to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you..)
- And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.
  - I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. (Luke 15:7)

- The Prodigal Son was just a happy ending story to most Bible readers... but really...
- The Prodigal Son is:
  - A history lesson on the lost tribes of Israel
  - A physically based parable with spiritual truths
  - A parable that provides a greater understanding to the prophecies of Isaiah 61:1 and Hosea 5:14/ 6:1-2
  - A prophecy of the return and reuniting of the lost tribes of Israel spiritually to יהוה

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