

How to Find the Lost Ten Tribes

For centuries the mystery of the whereabouts of the Ten Tribes of Israel has generated controversy. Opinions vary greatly: They are lost forever, never to return; They all died off; They have become so assimilated through intermarriage with the nations wherein they were scattered, that they are no longer an identifiable people group; They have already returned and are totally assimilated and intermarried with the Jews; They are identifiable, but they will never return; They are identifiable and they will return when they come under Rabbinical authority having come back to the teachings of the Torah; And lastly, they are identifiable and they will return when a remnant of them that truly repents joins with the rest of Judah (the Jews) who also repent and acknowledge Yeshua as their Messiah. Whilst this chapter is focused on the Lost Tribes of Israel, it necessarily has some comments about the Jews too.

Increasingly during the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries, and continuing to this day, a vast amount of archaeological and historical research has been added to the pool of knowledge. With the advent of the Internet in recent times, more and more scholars have been exploring this topic and are finding that there is information now readily available to anyone who is even partially computer literate. It is now possible to study almost any subject and discover in a matter of hours what would have previously taken years of painstaking research.

In this short presentation I will approach the subject from four different angles; firstly from Biblical Prophecy; secondly from Biblical History; thirdly from Secular History; and last but not least from the writings of the Jews. By way of summary we will do some connecting of dots from which we will draw some rather obvious conclusions.

From Biblical Prophecy

It is in the early chapters of this book that most if not all of the biblical prophecies that would help us identify the Ten Tribes have already been mentioned. From those passages of Scripture we can confidently make the following observations:

Because they were under the Law of God, all the curses of the Law came upon them when they were deported from the Promised Land by the Assyrians. Taken into slavery, they experienced many years of oppression and suffered terribly at the hands of their captors. Ezekiel Chapter 4 gives us a prophecy foretelling that the suffering for their iniquity would be for a specific time. It was portrayed symbolically as 390 days, possibly calculated as a day for a year. **If taken from Ezekiel's time**, this coincides with the Roman's **defeat of Antiochus** who was ruling the Seleucid Greek Empire in the area of Syria. This major weakening of the Greek dominion may have been the final end of the Israelite's time of being utterly dominated and the beginning of their main migration north and west outside of the dominion of Rome, **though it is possible and probable that at the change of each empire's rule, some may have already escaped through the Caucasus Mountains beforehand.**

Therefore, we should look through history for a people who migrated, as there was going to be a time when they would be "wanderers among the nations" (Hosea 9:17). They may still have an obsessive propensity to travel willy-nilly to and fro.

They would at times have name derivatives of Abraham and Isaac. "In Isaac your seed is called" (Genesis 21:12). "Let my name be called upon them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and let them increase to a multitude in the midst of the earth" (Genesis 48:16).

In spite of the traditional Christian belief and response to the subject, we should not consider the Ten Tribes of Israel forsaken (Jeremiah 51:5) or having died out or assimilated into oblivion among the nations of the earth (Amos 9:9).

Whilst they would be primarily of one race due to their custom of marrying within their respective tribes, we should look for a people with whom it is common to find a significant portion of them that **inter-marry with many races. “For they have begotten pagan children” (Hosea 5:7). “Ephraim has mixed himself among the nations” (Hosea 7:8).**

The Northern Tribes were **condemned as “the drunkards of Ephraim” (Isaiah 28:1).** One of their negative characteristics is their inclination to excessive alcohol.

Another of their negative characteristics is a propensity toward drug addiction. **God’s judgment against Israel** in the latter days includes sorcery (Micah 5:12). The word translated to sorcery from either Greek or Hebrew is the word we also translate as pharmacy or drugs. This is not to be confused with medicinal drugs for the treating of physical ailments. It is drugs that affect the soul: the mind, will and emotions of the individual. This is what God is prohibiting in His Word, for these kind of drugs are known to open up a person to the demonic realm (**many people don’t know what they are playing with**). Thus it is that sorcery is often closely associated with witchcraft, as drugs are often purposely used to facilitate contact with the spirit world in order to obtain spiritual power; another negative trait of the apostate Israelites.

We should not necessarily look for Jewishness or Jewish customs within their cultures because Israel no longer embraced the Torah during the period before their exile, but instead they embraced lives of idolatry and pagan worship, which was the central impetus for removing them from the Land of Israel in the first place (Daniel 9:7).

We can identify Israel by identifying the nations that are hosting Judah (the Jews) in the last days (Jeremiah 50:4, 20, 33-34). These verses all indicate that they (Israel and Judah) will be walking **TOGETHER and will return to Zion TOGETHER. “In those days the House of Judah shall walk with the House of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers” (Jeremiah 3:18).** Also see Isaiah Chapter 11.

We should look for a people who have historically possessed “the gates” of their enemies, the strategic military vantage points (e.g. major sea ports, narrow but significant sea channels, major trade routes, **mountain passes, etc.**). **“And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, ‘Let our sister become the mother of thousands of ten thousands, and let your seed possess the gates of those who hate them’” (Genesis 24:60).** The “gates” also referred to the seats of power within cities and states.

We should look for a nation and a company of nations that are similar and that inhabit the ends of the earth and have pushed the peoples (nations) to the ends of the earth and have become a dominating world power.

Numbers 24:8

God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.

Micah 5:8-9

And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if

he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. 9 Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off.

Isaiah 41:15

Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. 16 Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

Deuteronomy 33:17

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.

We should look for a nation and nations where they are called “sons of the Living God”, nations that **have been known and or are known now as having a predominantly Christian heritage.** For “the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them ‘*You are not My people,*’ *There* it shall be said to them, ‘*You are sons of the living God*’ ” (Hosea 1:10).

We should look for nations that have been prominent in proclaiming the truth about God and that have been His witnesses unto the nations (Isaiah 43:1-13). Nations that have sent out many evangelists and missionaries to the rest of the world.

Although they would be scattered in all directions, we should look primarily to the North and the West from Jerusalem. Also to “the coastlands” and “the isles of the sea”. “**Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth**” (Jeremiah 31:8). “**They shall walk after the LORD: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west (Hosea 11:10). “Behold these shall come from far, and lo these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim” (Isaiah 49:12). “I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, ‘He that scattered Israel will gather him and keep him, as a shepherd does his flock’” (Jeremiah 31:10).**

From Biblical History

In Chapter Three where we chronicled Israel going into exile, we found that they were deported from their land to areas that we now identify as Mesopotamia in modern Turkey (2 Kings 17 and 1 Chronicles 5:26). We also noted that the Assyrians replaced the deported Israelites with people from other lands to occupy that portion of the land known as Samaria. We also discovered that a small remnant found opportunity to return to Samaria and along with the pagans dwelling there, they also became known as Samaritans (John 4:1-42).

When the Assyrians were preparing to attack Judah with the intention of doing unto them as they had done to Israel, in response to the prayers of His people, the army of the Assyrians was struck down and 185000 soldiers died in the night (Isaiah 37:36). This event dramatically weakened the ruling powers and presented an opportunity to the Israelites by which many would have been able to escape from under the Assyrian oppression.

In Ezekiel Chapters 16 and 23 we find that Israel had been mixing with the Assyrians for some time before the pagan nation turned on them. It seems that during this time many Israelites were living among the Assyrians, having adopted their evil ways. This Assyrian-Israelite mixture is the likely origin of a people group known as Cimmerians that emerged in that area around that time. It is thought that Cimmerian is a transliteration of Samaritan, which of course is easily connected to the portion of the Promised Land known as Samaria. Ezekiel was directed to take his message to them, so although in this passage their exact **location was not mentioned, it was within Ezekiel's ability to go to them as directed by the Lord.** Presumably they were still in the proximity of where they had been deported to which was in Upper Mesopotamia, south of the Caucasus Mountains.

Apart from **Ezekiel's final words to them calling them to repentance** and his prophecy mentioned above delineating the limits of the punishment for their iniquity, we hear no more history from the Word of God, though perhaps the Jews questioning among themselves in response to a comment that Jesus made is an indication that some were among the Greeks at the time of Christ (John 7:35).

From Secular History

As just mentioned, history records the presence of a people group called Cimmerians who established a powerful presence near the Caucasus Mountains in the land that is presently called Georgia. Later Cimmerians or Samaritans were also found north of the Caucasus Range. Most secular scholars have scant idea as to where they originated from and this is not surprising from a Christian perspective, for we would expect unbelievers to have a natural aversion to confirming or giving any credence to biblical history. Why would we expect secular historians to be willing to explore possibilities that would support information contrary to their world view? When confronted with evidence that totally refutes evolution, from secular scholars we hear crickets. For this reason, when searching through information on the migrations of the Ten Tribes of Israel, we start with the sure Word of God as our foundation and from secular historical sources we are often left to make conjectures from scant evidence, a little bit here and a little bit there, most of the time having to fill in the gaps by joining the dots.

In approximately the same area, north of the Caucasus Mountains, historians also note the presence of yet another nation rising to power, an empire that became known as the Scythians. The secular historians also consider these people to be a mystery when it comes to their origins. The Scythians are also mentioned in the New Testament without any indication as to who they were (Colossians 3:11). Earlier in our study, we took note of the Jewish historian Josephus, writing in the first century AD, who recorded that there were ***“but two tribes under the dominion of the Romans”***, and that ***“the Ten Tribes are beyond the Euphrates and have become a multitude that none could count”*** (*Antiquities of the Jews*, 11.5.2).

This area that Josephus describes as being beyond the Euphrates is easy for us to identify. Beyond the headwaters of the Euphrates we find the Caucasus mountain range which is the prominent geographical feature between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea. It is the very same part of the world where these two people groups show up in history. Thus the Cimmerians and the Scythians are certain candidates for the label Ten Lost Tribes. For more on this go to: britam.org/cimmerians-scythians.html

Another people group that arose a few hundred years later in that area and formed an empire is the Khazars. Again the secularists declare they are of unknown origin. They too are very likely the remnants of the Scythians and Cimmerians who remained after the majority had embarked on mass migration to the north and to the west, some by sea and others by land. Many of the Khazars ended up converting to Judaism and consequently intermarried with those from Judah to become the ancestors of the Ashkenazi Jews who are the majority of European Jewry to this day. Now that is interesting . . .

So then, from the same area we have the Cimmerians, the Samaritans, the Scythians and the Khazarians and they can all be identified by the term Caucasian as this area is where we find the Caucasus Mountains. As the Caucasian people spread north and west they colonised and conquered and to a certain degree they intermarried. Some scholars consider Germany to be a mixture of Assyrian descent and sons of Isaac; the Saxons, which would also link their heritage to the Cimmerians. When Babylon defeated the Assyrian Empire, the Cimmerians would have had opportunity to escape through the Caucasus Mountain passes, or by boat on the Black or Caspian Seas at either end of the mountains. Likewise when the Babylonians were overrun by the Medes and Persians.

Whilst secular historians are unlikely to see any Ten Tribe connections, those with a Biblical bent have noted that the Iberian Peninsula (also known as Spain and Portugal), was referred to as Iberia by both the Greeks and the Romans. Iberia was also the ancient name they gave for a country located between the Greater and Lesser Caucasus Mountains that is now known as Georgia which is the very area where the Ten Tribes were known to have dwelt. Whilst the etymology is contested, Iber (pronounced eeber) from which we get Iberia, **is derived from one of Abraham's ancestors who was called Eber or Heber** (Genesis 11:14-16) from which we also get the term Hebrew (Genesis 14:13).

Whilst there are lots of speculations as to the identity of the Ten Tribes, this particular historical document is of considerable interest: The Scottish Declaration of Independence dated 6th April 1320, also known as The Declaration of Arbroath which is stored in the National Archives of Scotland at Edinburgh. Available online.

In the preamble of the document, which was originally written in Latin, it briefly mentions events of **their history, including Israel's crossing of the Red Sea, their migration from Scythia to Spain and eventually to their "home in the west"**. At the time and place of **writing it is to be noted that "west"** in the document is relative to Europe and the letter was being written to the Pope. What follows is a translation of the first paragraph:

Most Holy Father, we know and from the chronicles and books of the ancients we find that among other famous nations our own, the Scots, has been graced with widespread renown. It journeyed from Greater Scythia by way of the Tyrrhenian Sea and the Pillars of Hercules, and dwelt for a long course of time in Spain among the most savage peoples, but nowhere could it be subdued by any people, however barbarous. Thence it came, twelve hundred years after the people of Israel crossed the Red Sea, to its home in the west where it still lives today. The Britons it first drove out, the Picts it utterly destroyed, and, even though very often assailed by the Norwegians, the Danes and the English, it took possession of that home with many victories and untold efforts; and, as the histories of old time bear witness, they have held it free of all servitude ever since. In their kingdom there have reigned one hundred and thirteen kings of their own royal stock, the line unbroken by a single foreigner.

The document continues with a plea for the Pope to intervene and prevent war between the Scots and the English, charging him with responsibility for much bloodshed if he does nothing. This appeal was apparently successful. Note: The "Tyrrhenian Sea" **is off the west coast of Italy and the "Pillars of Hercules" is an ancient** term for the Straits of Gibraltar, in particular referring to the prominent peaks on either side that navigators could easily get their bearings from.

From this statement written to the Pope, we find the Scottish Elders making mention of their history and they traced their heritage all the way back to Israel crossing the Red Sea, and noted their sojourn **in "Greater Scythia"**. We also note that they "*dwelt for a long course of time in Spain*". Probably this was when the name Iberia was given to that land.

Another very interesting historical and etymological connection that scholars have brought to light is the similarity between the Hebrew and Gaelic Languages. This particular web-page is of considerable interest:

https://archive.org/stream/affinitybetweenh00stra/affinitybetweenh00stra_djvu.txt

Here is a quote from the study on this page which was originally written by Thomas Steatton back in 1872.

In the following pages there are given about twelve hundred and seventy Hebrew words, which in meaning and sound are like words in Gaelic. This is four hundred and fifty-two words having a non-Celtic prefix, and eight hundred and twenty other words.

I have not reckoned the whole number of words in Hebrew (to be found in the Hebrew Old Testament) ; it is only a random guess that the twelve hundred and seventy Hebrew words akin to Gaelic are perhaps about one-fourth, or it may be one-third, of all the words in the Hebrew language.

In 1833 I noted several words with a syllable prefixed; so that I was then nearly making the discovery which I did not make till 1871. In 1833 I gave but a very cursory attention to the subject, being then about to attend medical classes.

In this comparison of Hebrew with the Celtic, only one branch of the Celtic is referred to; namely, the Gaelic, now spoken in the Highlands and Western Isles of Scotland. The words quoted may be found in the Gaelic Dictionary by Macleod and Dewar. (Glasgow, 1831; and, second edition, Edinburgh, 1833.) Any remarks here about the Gaelic or Scoto-Celtic apply equally to the Irish language, and to the Manx.

There is so much information on this subject to digest that for the sake of brevity I shall limit myself to the above link, **but if you type “The similarity between the Hebrew and Gaelic Languages”** into your browser you will find a wealth of validated research available for your perusal.

The Writings of the Jews

The Jewish historian Josephus, whose quote we mentioned above, gives us the clearest and most authoritative statements available. Therefore it deserves being repeated: **“there are but two tribes under the dominion of the Romans”**, and **“the Ten Tribes are beyond the Euphrates and have become a multitude that none could count”** (*Antiquities of the Jews*, 11.5.2).

The Roman Empire never expanded north of the Caucasus Mountains. This natural barrier served to protect the Israelites from the dominion of the Romans. Another Jewish writing from late in the first century AD says this of the Ten Tribes:

2 Esdras Chapter 13:39-45

And whereas thou sawest that he gathered another peaceable multitude unto him; 40 Those are the ten tribes, which were carried away prisoners out of their own land in the time of Osea the king, whom Salmanasar the king of Assyria led away captive, and he carried them over the waters, and so came they into another land. 41 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, 42 That they might there keep their statutes, which they never kept in their own land. 43 And they entered into Euphrates by the narrow places of the river. 44 For the most High then shewed signs for them, and held still the flood, till they were passed over. 45 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.

Whilst the accuracy of this particular document is questionable seeing as it is considered to be among the books designated apocrypha, it does indicate some Jewish belief in the knowledge of the whereabouts of the Ten Tribes at the time of writing.

Not long after the time of **Josephus'** historical recording, a great debate is documented between two famous Rabbis which we find in the Jewish Mishnah: Rabbi Akiva and his opponent, Rabbi Eliezer ben Hyrcanus. What follows are their core statements:

“The Ten Tribes shall not return again, for it is written (Deuteronomy 29:27) ‘. . . and He cast them into another land like as this day.’ As this day goes and returns not, so do they go and return not.” So says Rabbi Akiva.

But Rabbi Eliezer says, ***“Like as this day”***: *‘as the day grows dark and then becomes light, so also with the Ten Tribes; now they are in darkness, but in the future there shall be light for them.’*”

The setting of this debate is around the time of when Bar Kochba was being proclaimed as Messiah among the Jews, around 130-132AD. Rabbi Akiva, who was strongly advocating support for this **‘Messiah’**, argued that the Ten Tribes would not return and he sought to dismiss the revelation of Scripture with his interpretation in order to encourage the Jews in their uprising against Rome with Bar Kochba as their general. At that time, the Ten Tribes were showing no inclination of returning and because **Rabbi Eliezer’s understanding was that** Messiah had to come before their return, he was therefore not in support of proclaiming Bar Kochba as Messiah. For a more complete analysis of the Rabbinical stance on this subject, type *Will the Lost Tribes Return? By Dennis Jones* into your search engine. However, the main point is that the debate was not about their existence. That was positively assumed by both sides of the argument. It was about whether or not they would return. All the evidence points to the reality that the Jews knew where the Ten Tribes were at that time.

It’s time to join the dots. One of the difficulties in assembling all the information is the complicating factor of the Ten Tribes having mixed themselves with the pagans. This verse gives us some hope in the task of identification:

Amos 9:9 NKJV

“For surely I will command, And will sift the house of Israel among all nations, As grain is sifted in a sieve; Yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground.

Here the Lord gives us assurance that despite them being among the nations, He will bring them through the nations like grain in a sieve. In the metaphor of this verse, the nations are the sieve and Israel is the grain.

Putting it all together now, it becomes clear that if we travel north and west from Jerusalem and keep going to the coastlands and the far off isles we end up in North and Western Europe and the British Isles. If we look at the history of these nations we find that the European people have absolutely dominated the world over the last few centuries and in recent times the English speaking nations have risen to prominence with the United States of America becoming the world super power. American military might, though somewhat depleted in recent times, still spends more on defence than the next 28 nations combined. This would make the English speaking people the most likely candidate for being identified as at least one of the sons of Joseph if not both Ephraim and Manasseh.

Identifying Manasseh is a little difficult, many scholars have suggested the USA with Great Britain being Ephraim. Others have opined that it is the other way around, pointing out that Britain truly only permanently fully colonised Canada, Australia, New Zealand and parts of Southern Africa, even though

their dominion included many more countries. Whereas America went on to establish 50 individual states, each with their own Governor and laws; that maintained a unifying body over the breadth of an entire continent; and have become much more dominant in the world. They truly became a multitude or **“company of nations”**.

That Ephraim was going to be greater than Manasseh (Genesis 48:19-20; Deuteronomy 33:16-17) is a factor in tracing who is who. Also, Manasseh was the actual firstborn and just as they received part of their inheritance first on the east side of the Jordan and the tribe was geographically divided, it is thought that the final fulfilment of their promised greatness would be similar. Maybe . . .

Another possibility is that Russia is Manasseh. They too have become a great nation. Although they are nowhere near as influential as the USA, they are without doubt the second greatest nuclear power and are thus a force to be reckoned with. **Isaiah 9:21 NKJV says, “Manasseh will devour Ephraim, and Ephraim, Manasseh; both are against Judah.”** The animosity that exists between Russia and the rest of the west could be the fulfilment of this verse from Isaiah, with the tension between Russia and the USA being a significant indicator.

Perhaps it is the Spanish and Portuguese that are candidates for Manasseh. Their power is much diminished these days, yet they were once a great world power that also had some conflict with the English speaking nations, even in recent times with the Falkland Islands conflict with the Spanish in Argentina. So there is much to be said in favour of the idea that Manasseh could refer to the Spanish. Their influence over the vast majority of the South American continent cannot be denied. Angola and Mozambique on the African continent were also Portuguese colonies. Though the idea of Israelite heritage is held by a minority in English speaking nations, it appears that the Spanish and Portuguese have no recollection within their culture, even though as mentioned above, Iberia is the name by which the Spanish Peninsular has been known for centuries. **Well, Manasseh’s name was given because Joseph had been made to forget His father’s house and forget his heritage.** Glad that ultimately it is up to God to sort this all out and not me.

An analysis of the dispersion of the clans of Scotland reveals that they have been scattered equally throughout both the USA and all the British colonies along with almost all the other people groups found on the British Isles, whether Welsh, Irish or English. This would seem to indicate that all the English speaking Caucasians are probably from the same Israelite tribe of Joseph, most likely from Ephraim. This would give support to the idea of Russia or perhaps Spain being Manasseh.

Another possible identifying factor is the study of their beginnings in Genesis. Most people agree when we are identifying Ishmael and Esau that the characteristics that generated the hostility toward Israel and Judah back in biblical times are being repeated in our generation. Likewise with the tribes of Israel. Joseph was separated from his brothers. So we should look for Joseph to be somewhat separated from the other Israelites. Joseph rose to prominence in Egypt so we should expect Joseph to rise to prominence in the world. Again this points to the Spanish and the English speaking nations as they are both somewhat separate from Europe, England by the English Channel and Spain by the mountain range known as the Pyrenees. Spain even remained neutral in World War Two. Isaiah 9:21 says that Ephraim and Manasseh would be against one another yet both would be against Judah. There is no doubt that both the English speaking and Spanish peoples have had times of giving Judah a hard time. Both have had times when they banned all Jews and drove them to exile. In the latter days that tendency will end as the Lord has said that their antagonism towards one another will finish (Is 11:13). In recent times Spain has apologised to the Jews for their historical prejudice and have opened their doors to Jewish immigration.

Without being able to be absolutely certain of any particular individuals tribal identity due to the mixed marriages that have somewhat blurred the picture, the promise of God is that they would not be

unknown to Him. Nevertheless, because of the many identifying factors and the biblical prophecies to assist in our search for understanding, we can with a reasonable amount of surety eliminate most of the world's nations from our probability list.

When we look at the English speaking nations of the world and their respective histories, their colonizing, their military dominance, their constant rebellions and yet their many revivals toward God, it is not hard to see that they are indeed the descendants of Joseph, probably Ephraim, and that the European nations are most likely predominately Israel and the Spanish most likely are Manasseh, though some scholars have suggested that the Spanish are descendants of Benjamin which would allow for Russia to be identified as Manasseh. One word that describes them all is Caucasian.

The one nation that is totally fulfilling the predictions concerning Ephraim at this point in time is the United States of America. No other nation at this point in time has qualified to fit the Biblical description. The European nations and Russia probably mostly being the other ten tribes. Many scholars have identified the Scandinavians as being descendants of the tribe of Dan. No doubt there is a lot of mix and match. Interestingly about Dan, though they had land allotted to them in the South of the Promised Land, some of them ended up taking over cities and establishing themselves north of Galilee thus the tribe was somewhat scattered even before they left the Promised Land. Various scholars have identified Danites being scattered from Ireland through to Scandinavia.

There is no doubt in my mind that these above mentioned nations have fulfilled much of the prophesied destiny of Israel and they are fast approaching the time when they will fulfil their final destination. They are descending into deep apostasy at this very point in time, even to the point of cultural suicide. Many are praying for a revival for these nations. Perhaps it is in response to the prayers of the saints that judgment is stayed. May the church of God get its act together and cast off the traditions of man and **'get in there'** with God. One day, sooner or later, God will bring a remnant of Israel back to the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and they shall be joined together with Judah into a kingdom that shall never be divided again.

A couple of Jewish websites (Eat the fish; spit out the bones) are now actively promoting this understanding; britam.org and hebrewnations.com, so it looks like God is beginning the work of reconciliation. This will be accomplished, not because of their righteousness, **but for His Holy Name's** sake. It is going to be one of the major events of the latter days preceding the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. However, we have covered that topic fully already in the chapter on the Second Exodus.

A great cloud of delusion has kept the majority of believers blinded to the Two House Reality and a new replacement theology has emerged that replaces Israel with Judah. Whilst the descendants of the Kingdom of Judah are children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, they are NOT descendants of the Kingdom of Israel who are also children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. We have some interesting times coming. **Here's a reminder of what the Lord says in the middle of that long passage in Jeremiah Chapters 30-31 concerning the great regathering: "In the latter days ye shall consider it" (Jeremiah 30:24). Obviously, before the great regathering there will be a great awakening that brings the 'Lost Ten Tribes' to consider their heritage and destiny. This book may be one of the instruments God will use to bring this awakening about.**

Any attempt by any person who believes they are a descendant of Joseph or one of the other Ten Tribes, to return to the Land of Israel, is unlikely to be successful at this point in time (2017AD) unless it is God Himself that has so declared for them personally. Those who have been accepted and granted immigration rights have all been people that have kept the Jewish traditions, have a Rabbinical conversion certification or have a proven ancestry. Until the Jews have an encounter with their Messiah, they are just not going to have their nation invaded by a Non-Kosher-Crowd.

But I believe that when the time comes there will likely be prophets arise within the populations of these nations and the true believers will hear what the Spirit is saying when it comes time to go. It might also be that there is simply no other place on earth where they will be welcome. If it comes about because of nuclear war, it might be that evacuation because of radiation contamination forces the issue. God will also have prepared the hearts of the Jews. **In the meantime, we've got love to pursue and a Gospel to preach so let us be about our Father's business.**