

## DESTROYING THE MYTH (British Israelism) OF THE 10 LOST TRIBES

After the death of King Solomon, we see Jeroboam ruling the Northern Kingdom from his capital in Samaria, while Rehoboam ruled in the south. Assyrian captivity in 722 B.C.

**2 Kings 17:7-23** GOD had Israel removed from HIS Sight (out of the land that HE had promised to dwell with them), note **verse 23**. They were not lost, but in captivity “to Assyria to this day”, even at the time of this writing by the Biblical author, they were still in captivity.

Do not be remiss in noting that all the tribes were also represented in the south *in* Judah and Benjamin! **2Chronicles 11:3** “**Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying:**”

**2Chronicles 11:16-17** From all the tribes of Israel who set their hearts to seek THE LORD came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the LORD GOD. They did this for three years strengthening Rehoboam. They did this due to being removed from office by Jeroboam and being replaced with an illegitimate priesthood (**1Kings 12:25-14:16, 2Chronicles 11:13-15**).

The Jews knew the only acceptable place to sacrifice was in Jerusalem, on Mount Moriah; **Deuteronomy 12:5-7, Deut.16:2-6, Isaiah 18:7.**

Next, during the reign of Asa, Asa, son of Abijah, ruled The Davidic throne for 41years=911-870 B.C. Asa was considered as a good ruler destroying pagan idols and places of worship, and renewed the altar of GOD. We see defectors from Ephraim, Manasseh and Simeon coming to Jerusalem in the third month of the fifteenth year of his reign (**2Chronicles15: 9**).

Years later, after the deportation to Assyria, King Hezekiah (independent reign 715-686 B.C.). This follows the Northern Kingdom being taken into captivity by the Assyrians in 722 b.c. He invited (in **2Chronicles 30**) all Israel and Judah to keep The

Passover. Look, he even invited Ephraim and Manasseh, obviously, not every member of the Northern tribes were taken into captivity; here two of the tribes are being invited with Judah to keep The Passover in Jerusalem years after the deportation of the Northern Kingdom to Assyria. Note verse 10, with the mockers of Ephraim and Manasseh, yet in verse 10a few men of Asher, Manasseh and Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem. And so, in verse 21, we see the people of Israel who were present at The Feast keeping the Feast of Unleavened Bread in Jerusalem.

Then during the reign of the good king Josiah (640-609 B.C.), years and years after the deportation of the 10 Northern tribes to Assyria Do: **2Chronicles 34:8-9 “And in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of THE LORD his GOD. And when the came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought to the house of GOD, which The Levites had gathered from the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and from all the remnant of Israel, and from all Judah and Benjamin, and they returned to Jerusalem.”**

Note carefully, that sometimes a tribal designation: “the tribe of Judah” 2 Kings 17:18, is used idiomatically for the southern kingdom, which includes the tribe of Benjamin of course. One must make contextual distinctions to determine if the tribe-the people themselves or the territory allotted to the tribe is being referenced.

**The Northern Kingdom fell** with the capture of Jerusalem by the Assyrians in 722 B.C. They had a policy of mixing the conquered people through interracial-religious relations, to help prevent revolt. One result of this is the group we know as The Samaritans. However, it is critical to realize that archeological evidence had uncovered a very interesting series of facts. They have discovered that only 27,290 people and 50 chariots were carried away by

Sargon in the Assyrian deportation. And with present estimates of the Northern Kingdom being between 400,00 to 500,000 people, this amounts to a fraction, most of the leadership from the capital of the northern kingdom of Samaria. Biblical Archeology, 6, 1943, pg 58 via K-House. The remainder were taken as slaves, valuable property. Do you think Assyria just lets them wander around until they get to Europe? More than unlikely; it's untenable.

Later, when the Babylonian empire came to power, taking the southern kingdom into captivity in 586 B.C., All twelve tribes were involved when Isaiah is prophesying in **Isaiah 48:1** "Hear this, O house of Jacob, who are called by The Name Israel, and have come forth from Judah..."

Examine the book of Ezra –covering from 538-515B.C.some events in ch **4:6** to 485-465 reign of Artaxerxes and **ch 4:7-23**- includes a letter written later during the reign of Artaxerxes. Ref. DTS Commentary on The O.T. Note "all Israel in the land" **Ezra 2:70**.

"And of Israel..." in **Ezra 10:35**.

Nehemiah, a contemporary of Ezra, records in **Nehemiah 12:47** states "And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the gatekeepers, as every day required, they gave the portions of the singers and the gatekeepers, as every day required, and they gave the holy portions to The Levites, and The Levites gave the holy portions to the sons of Aaron".

Where were they in the first century, A.D.? In Israel of course.

THE LORD states to HIS own apostles in **Matthew 10:6**: "But go rather to the lost sheep of The House of Israel"

Then we see after the birth of YESHUA, a prophetess, Anna, mentioned in **Luke 2:36** "Now there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher." Look at that one of the lost tribes that is not lost, obviously. She was about 84 years old (verse 37, the next verse). Her tribe was there obviously over 100 years if you count a minimum age of 16 for her parents, being of the same tribe of Asher, the tribe is in the land-

known for a substantial period of time. Then there is Joseph, called Barnabas by the apostles, who was a Cyprian Levite. Not a member of the southern kingdom of the tribes of Benjamin and Judah.

And how does Peter speak to “the men of Judah” in **Acts 2:14**, and eight verses later, speak to “men of Israel” **Acts 2:22**, then “ all the house of Israel” in **Acts 2:36**, at Shavuot (Pentecost), in the first century?!!

And how does Paul, talk of all the twelve tribes earnestly serving GOD night and day hope to attain to the promise made by GOD to the fathers. Note Paul talking to king Agrippa” And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by GOD to the fathers. To this our 12 tribes, earnestly serving GOD night and day, hope to attain.” **Acts 26:6-7**. This is the promise of resurrection of the Jews in The Millennial Age –**Daniel 12:2**, GOD will fulfill HIS promise to the Jews, they must be resurrected in The Millennial Kingdom- **Isaiah 55:11-13**. Look at THE WORDS of YESHUA to the apostles referencing The Regeneration, when the apostles sit on twelve thrones judging the 12 tribes of Israel. **Matthew 19:28, Luke 22:30**. Then, whom is Jacob (James) writing to in his letter, addressed to the 12 tribes who are scattered abroad, greetings: **Jacob-James 1:1**. Then you see the 144,000 witnesses coming forth from the tribes of Israel, 12 are listed in **Rev. 7:5-8**. Here they all are, not lost, ever present, called into Godly service to proclaim The Gospel of their Beloved MESSIAH to a lost and dying world in The Tribulation, the time of Jacob’s trouble, a time period that has yet to happen on the world scene. And if that wasn’t enough, their names are engraved for eternity in The Eternal City of The New Jerusalem, for the city has “twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which h are the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.”

**Revelation 21: 12.**

Now, to the regathering of the tribes of Israel in the dry bones vision of Ezekiel in **Ezekiel chapter 37:16**

Chapter 37:

Two signs=

The dry bones

Two two sticks

The dry bones are defined for us=the whole house of Israel  
(verse 11="these bones are the whole house of Israel)

**Verse 14** GOD puts HIS SPIRIT in you, and you will live. This is spiritual regeneration for the nation=national regeneration, which will occur at THE LORD's Return in The Second Coming, not the rapture.

Then in **Ezekiel 37:16** starting, THE WORD of THE LORD comes to Ezekiel a second time. This is the second sign in this chapter. This sign is first given; in **verses 16-17** do. Then it is explained **in verses 18-28**, so the people will know that you do not add-delete-or change THE WORD of GOD! **Deuteronomy 4:2**. First, remember, that after the death of king Solomon, the kingdom was divided in 931 B.C. The Southern Kingdom was known as Judah and the northern kingdom was known as Israel or Ephraim. The northern kingdom was called Judah because it was the larger of the two tribes (Judah and Benjamin) and Rehoboam was the king of Judah **1Kings 12:23**. The southern kingdom was called Israel, but sometimes Ephraim, as in: **Hosea 5:3,11-14,Isaiah 28:1** and following.. Ephraim was the strongest and wielded the greatest influence of the northern tribes. Further, their first king, Jeroboam, was an Ephraimite- **1Kings 11:26**.

The northern kingdom, Israel was taken into captivity in 722 B.C. by the Assyrian empire; while the southern kingdom, Judah, was taken into captivity in 605, 597, 586 B.C. by the Babylonian empire.

The uniting of the sticks is the restoration of the whole of Israel in the land of Israel as a single nation. Note clearly, **Hosea 1:10-11**. The children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together and appoint for themselves one head... do. Day of Jezebel: when GOD plants His people in the land Eschatological implications. are clear here. Note that Jezreel means="he will be sown of GOD." Hosea 1:11 "will come up out of the land" is a

Hebraic understanding, woven together with the meaning of the name Jezreel. They will=alu=come up, as of plant life sprouting forth. Cf. Hosea 10:8. Note, that in **Hosea 2:23**, GOD says “I will sow for MYSELF in the earth... “Same root word for planting-sowing, is in the word Jezreel=he will be sown of GOD. Thus, GOD promises to PERSONALLY plant the nation in the; land as one sows seed on the ground. Note ref. DTS Commentary on The O.T. pg 1382. Israel will grow be beautiful. Thank-YOU, LORD!!! They become one nation again verse22, there is the resurrected king David reigning over them, verse 24, so it must now be The Millennial Kingdom for David died is not now on earth. And he is not returning until The Return of our LORD with HIS church, HIS people, and all the holy angels with HIM, **Matthew 25:31**, at which point The LORD will establish HIS Rule and Reign on the earth for remainder of HIS Millennial reign.