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On the Cover:

--This Assyrian carving at Lachish shows Jews being led into exile by Sargon's son, Sennacherib, after Hezekiah's failed revolt (701 BCE). This is one of the earliest images of the Hebrew people. Notice that the children are dressed just like the adults, except the very young child who is unclothed. The simplicity of the clothing in the depiction here was a convention of Assyrian art.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This tract was written between 1930 and 1950. Elder Traina has since gone to rest. He was a foundation stone of the Sacred Name movement in this country and had a lot of Scriptural knowledge. Even though we may not agree on all of the doctrines he taught, we are proud to preserve and present his works to all who are seeking truth.

Some sincere, but mistaken, ministers of the "fundamentalist" faith have taken unto themselves the task of denying certain Bible truths, simply because they are not familiar with these subjects. In other words, any Bible truth that they do not know, is not truth, regardless of what the Bible says about it.

Because of this attitude, they are under the impression that they are doing the Heavenly Father a favor in trying to oppose portions of His word which have not been especially revealed to them, in spite of the fact that Bible records lay special emphasis on them. "The Identity Question," which they call British Israel, by the way, has to do with the preaching of the Good News of the Kingdom.

I am very much intrigued by the way they answer the question, and I marvel that, at the stroke of their pen, they dismiss so readily, as a thing of naught, one of the most intriguing subjects of Biblical revelation, which today is so vital to the solving of most of the world's political problems which vex the leaders of the Western democracies.

In this article, I shall endeavor to answer their classification of the identity question, (which some call British-Israel) a side issue.

I am not British, and I am not identified with what is known as British Israel. I do not agree with some of their fantastic claims such as the British nation being the fifth Kingdom of Daniel's prophecy, for which there is no Biblical foundation.

As the Apostle Saul once said, "I am set for the defense of the Good News." I, too, want to say, "I am set for the defense of the Good News of the Kingdom which the Savior said should be preached to all the world"—**Matthew 24:14**.

In order for us to understand the term "Good News of the Kingdom," we must, in spirit, place ourselves in the same circumstances and mental attitude of the Apostles to whom these words were primarily addressed.

The Apostles were Israelites racially. They had possessed a kingdom and lost it. They were, for the time being, a people without a kingdom, but not without a hope of the restoration of this Kingdom, and for this they were watching every sign that might portend this restoration.

Forty days after the resurrection, just preceding the Savior's ascension, when the disciples had come together, they asked Him, saying, "**Yahshua, will Thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?**" And He answered them, "**It is not for you to know the times or seasons which the Father hath put in His own power.**" See **Acts 1:6, 7.**

Please, dear reader, note in **Acts 1:3**, we read that the Savior showed Himself to His Apostles for 40 days after His sufferings and resurrection; and, in these forty days, He spoke to them of the things pertaining to **THE KINGDOM OF YAHWEH**. This KINGDOM OF YAHWEH was understood by them as being real and tangible; therefore, they expected re-establishment of the KINGDOM to ISRAEL with Yahweh's Anointed as KING and the children of Israel as subjects or citizens of the KINGDOM. This is evidenced by the fact that, after forty days of teaching the good news of the KINGDOM to come, they asked, "**Will Thou AT THIS TIME restore the kingdom to ISRAEL?**" The Savior's answer is clear. It was not for them to know the TIME of the event. The authenticity of the RE-ESTABLISHMENT is confirmed and assured, (the time element only the Father had thus far kept unto Himself), and was still to be in the future. In the interim, they were to await for the endowment of power which would enable them to bear testimony of Him, of His sacrifice, the atoning blood, the resurrection, and His promised return for the RE-ESTABLISHMENT of the KINGDOM TO ISRAEL.

To establish this fact, we have but to turn to **Acts 3**, and carefully read the Apostle Peter's sermon at the Beautiful Gate. Cepha, or Peter, as the Greeks named him, being filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke to the "**MEN OF ISRAEL**" (**Acts 3:12**). Please note that, according to **Acts 2:9-11**, they were, for the most part, Israelites of the dispersion who had not forgotten to come to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover and stayed on to Pentecost. To these "**MEN OF ISRAEL**" the empowered-Holy-Spirit-filled Cepha addressed himself. From **Acts 3:13-14**, he speaks of the death and resurrection of the Messiah. In **verses 15-17**, he speaks of the power of the risen Messiah. In **verse 18**, he establishes the fact that all of this was done according to the plan laid down in

the prophets, as proof of the validity of the Messiahship of Yahshua, the Son of the Most High El. In **verse 19**, he explains that, on the strength of this authority, they were called on to repent and to turn to Yahweh, so that their sins would be blotted out in preparation for the times of refreshing which would come from the presence of Yahweh. And in **verses 20-21**, we are told when this refreshing is, “**That He, (Yahweh) shall send YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH, who had been previously appointed unto you, WHOM the heavens must receive UNTIL the time of restitution (or RESTORATION), of all things which Yahweh has spoken by the mouth of ALL His holy prophets since the world began.**”

Now, beloved, if we take the prophets, all of them, and read them carefully, we will not find the Good News according to the Catholics, nor to the so-called Protestants, but we will find in all the prophets the good news of the good things to come, NAMELY, the RESTORATION of the KINGDOM OF ISRAEL. When Israel repents and is converted, then they will be ready for the coming of the KING, YAHSHUA, Whom the Father will send as soon as they will ready themselves for HIM.

In this connection, I would like to quote some of the prophecies from the Old Testament, which have direct references to the blessed Messiah. For instance, let us turn to **Isaiah 49:5-6**, “**And now saith Yahweh that formed me from the womb to be His servant, TO BRING JACOB AGAIN TO HIM, that ISRAEL MAY BE GATHERED UNTO HIM, and I be glorious in the eyes of Yahweh, and my El shall be my strength. And He said unto me, ‘It is a light thing that Thou should be my Servant TO RAISE UP THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL: I will also give THEE for a light to the gentiles that Thou mayest be MY salvation to the end of the earth.’**” I have quoted these verses from the *Isaac Leeser Hebrew translation*, and from the marginal reading in the *King James* version of the Bible. This translation is also found in both the English and American revised.

Now, in light of these verses, let us turn to the “Good News” according to **Matthew 10:5-6**, where it reads, “**These twelve, Yahshua sent forth, and COMMANDED them saying, GO NOT IN THE WAY OF THE GENTILES, AND IN THE CITIES OF SAMARITANS ENTER YE NOT, BUT GO RATHER TO THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL. And, as ye go, preach, saying, ‘THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.’**”

Please note this in the commission: THEY WERE TO GO EXCLUSIVELY TO THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, not to the Jews, the two tribes (they were never lost), but to the TEN TRIBES who had been taken into Assyrian captivity, of which there is no record of what happened to them as Israel. In this captivity, they lost their identity for the time being, but they increased and multiplied, incognito, under many names, awaiting the hour prophesied in **Ezekiel 37:1-14; Hosea 1:1-10**. The identification of the TEN TRIBES will be followed by their joining with the tribes of Judah, as recorded in **Ezekiel 37:16-20**, and **Hosea 1:11**, and many other places too numerous to mention in this article.

If some saints take the attitude of denying the identification question, how then is the commandment of the Savior to be obeyed, if it is regarded as non-essential and of no value to the redeemed? Saints of Yahweh, AWAKE!

Let us again return to Matthew and read the story of the Syro-Phoenician woman who sought the SON of DAVID to help her in the matter of healing her daughter. What great truth did the Savior emphasize? Read it for yourself in **Matthew 15:24**, “**But He answered and said, ‘I AM NOT SENT BUT UNTO THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.**” All this is in fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies, not only from **Isaiah 49:5-6**, but others also. Read also **Ezekiel 34**, where Yahweh complains that scattered Israel (lost sheep) is being neglected and is not being searched for, so that He Himself will undertake the job. He said He would seek THEM out and deliver them from all the places where they had been scattered in the dark day (the captivity); and He would bring them out from the people (Gentiles), and gather them from the countries where THEY had been dispersed, and THEY would be brought into their own land (**2 Samuel 7:10**), not Palestine, for they were already there, but a land from which they would never be pushed out, and there await the coming of the KING.

Read all of **Ezekiel 34**, and very carefully also **Ezekiel 36**. Some would say that this is speaking of the Jews, that is, the two tribes, but Yahweh answers, “NO”. Follow on to **Chapter 37**, and read of the great national renaissance in the symbol of the dry bones, of a people NATIONALLY DEAD, although they were as numberless as the stars above, or as the sands of the seashore. As national Israel they were, Hosea puts it, “NO PEOPLE,” for nationally, as Israel, they had no existence. They were the LOST

SHEEP, nationally dead, with no hope of ever coming back as a NATIONAL ENTITY. See **Ezekiel 37**, the last half of the **11th verse**, where they are unknown to themselves, and to the Ecclesiastics, but not unknown to Yahweh, Who IDENTIFIES THEM AS THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL. The very same literal House of Israel, THE LOST SHEEP, who had lost hope, and thought themselves cut off, in **verse 11**, is, in **verse 12**, by Yahweh, promised the outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon them, because of His ETERNAL promises. And in **verse 16**, He definitely identifies them as Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and ALL the children of Israel, THE TEN TRIBES, THE LOST SHEEP, exclusive of the TWO TRIBES (Judah and Benjamin), mentioned later in **verse 19**. These two groups, ISRAEL (the lost sheep) and JU-DAH (the Jews, who were to be a hiss and by-word for the period of their dispersion) are joined together (in **verse 19**) by the grace of Yahweh, and who, at the time of this event, will have been converted to Him, and will be ready for the Kingdom and their KING, Yahshua, the Son of Yahweh, and the Son of David.

Thus the Two Kingdoms separated at the time of King Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, will be re-UNITED at the time of KING YAHSHUA, the SON OF YAHWEH.

The sooner this “Good News of the KINGDOM” is preached, the sooner will the Kingdom hope be realized. The restoration of the Kingdom of Israel is the whole theme of the Old Testament, and the New Testament confirms all of this. Preaching exclusively to the Gentiles denies the “Good News of the Kingdom,” even as some of the Gentile believers in apostolic times tried to do; but the Apostle Saul took issue with them. In **Romans 9**, he emphatically denies that Yahweh had forsaken Israel and replaced them with Gentiles, as some were claiming. In this chapter, Apostle Saul states that, to Israel, and to Israel alone, pertains the covenants, the law, the service of Yahweh, and the promises.

Now if this be true, what then is left for the Gentiles? “Nothing,” except that they may join with Israel, as converted proselytes, and share in the glory and promises WITH, and NOT apart from, Israel. If it can be said that the Gentiles replaced anybody, they replaced unbelieving Jews, and that only for a time, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. Read carefully **Romans 11:17-26** and note that here, Apostle Paul represents Israel as a tree with many branches. SOME of these branches were cut off because of unbelief.

Israel is composed of 12 tribes, or branches. Two of these

branches, tribally speaking; vis., Judah and Benjamin, were cut off for national unbelief, and Gentile believers were grafted into their place; but they, the believing Gentiles, were told not to boast lest they also should be cut off. Then, summing up, in **Romans 11:25**, he reveals a mystery that he understood, by the Spirit and the Scriptures of the Old Testament, that blindness has happened to part of Israel until the times allotted to the Gentiles be accomplished. THEN ALL ISRAEL, meaning ALL THE TWELVE TRIBES (the ten lost tribes, or the lost sheep, represented today in the so-called Christian nations, and the two tribes, Judah and Benjamin, as represented in what we know as the Jews today) are to be saved. Now please do not misunderstand me. I do not mean that they will be grafted in as they are now, in abject apostasy and strangers to Bible truths, but only when they have readied themselves, by a thorough conversion and a new birth of the Spirit, which Yahweh Himself will surely bring about in the last days, by the pouring-out of the Holy Spirit on all flesh, according to Joel, and also because of the rod of correction in the last day tribulation, by which He will drive many into the fold. As the Scripture has it, “**...into the bond of the covenant**” see **Ezekiel 20:33**.

ISRAEL IDENTIFIED

Etymologists, philologists, archaeologists, and historians, yes, the Bible itself, state that there is a tripartite division of the human race: Mongoloid (Japheth), Caucasoid (Shem), Negroid (Ham); and, from these three, sub races developed. It is from the Caucasoid (Semitic) that the Nordic, Alpine, and Mediterranean peoples are derived. Truly understood, the Semitic subdivision is the base for British-Israel identity with the Nordic division of the race. The suggestion “that the Afghans, or the Abyssinians, have a better claim to being descended from a northern tribe of Israel than the Anglo Saxons,” which is sometimes quoted, the reader should compare **Jeremiah 13:23** with **Amos 9:7**. It is the Bible that teaches the identity of the ten northern tribes as the Caucasian people of the present day, including the Hellenic, as well as the Nordic.

Critics ask, “If there had been any historical basis for the Anglo-Israel theory, would one not expect the British Parliament to be more considerate of its opponents? May I ask you one question? Do you think that every member of the British Parliament is a de-

vout reader and a believer of the Bible and its truths? Note the present Parliament with its many Communists, and many good Roman Catholics who know as much about Scriptural truth as do the Communists. But have you investigated the truly religious element of the British Parliament, especially the House of Lords, where the "Peers of the Realm," who take cognizance of the Bible and its teachings, stand on the subject?

Queen Victoria, herself, was a devout believer in the Israel identification. The Duke and Duchess of Kent, as well as the abdicated King Edward the Eighth, and the Duke of Windsor, were ardent believers, and so was Winston Churchill. Hundreds of others of the nobility of England are ardent advocates, as well as just believers in the identity question, based on the Scriptures, as well as authenticated facts of history.

It is stated, "We know of no historical evidence that any Israelite ever gave up the practice of circumcision, except for the apostates described in **1 Maccabees 1:12-15**, or that Anglo-Saxons ever practiced it."

May I suggest that **Ezekiel 11:12,15,16** and also **20:32**, be read, bearing in mind that Ezekiel was a prophet sent to the ten tribes in captivity. And note especially **Ezekiel 11:15**, which plainly says that the inhabitants of Jerusalem (Jews) said to the House of Israel (the ten tribes), "**Get you far from Yahweh: unto us is given this land**," (Judea in possession). And remember, if it is in the Bible, it is true and, therefore, historical. The ten tribes of Israel gave up the Laws and precepts of the Scriptures, and became as the heathen. See **Ezekiel 20:32**.

Again, it is claimed: "It should be remembered that only a fraction of the population of Northern Israel was displaced. Sargon II recorded the deportation of 27,190 persons. The remainder were left in Palestine to inter-marry with the new people imported there, and became the Samaritans of [Yahshua's] Jesus' day." Also the descendants of Assyria's captives were included in the domain of the Persian Empire when Cyrus issued his proclamation permitting the Hebrews to return to Judea and rebuild the Temple of Jerusalem."

Those who make such statements must have learned Bible history from those who disbelieve the Bible: for such are way off from facts, as disclosed in the Holy Scriptures. In the first place, in the Bible, there are three recorded transportations of the people of the Northern Kingdom, and there may have been more that are not recorded therein, of which the Sargon II statement of his

transporting 27,190 persons of the Israelites is one of them. If you will please bear with me, and turn to **2 Kings 15:29**, you will read, "**In the days of Pekah, King of Israel, (circa 740 BCE) came Tiglath-Pileser, King of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-Maachah, and Janoah, and Kedish and Hazor and Gilead and Galilee, and ALL the land of Naphtali and carried them captive to Assyria.**"

This captivity took place long before Sargon the II took his 27,190 captives away. And this is not all: if you turn to **1 Chronicles 5:25-26**, you will read further, "**They (Israel) transgressed against the Elohim of their fathers and went whoring after the deities of the land whom Yahweh destroyed before them. And the Elohim of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul, the king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tiglath-Pileser, the king of Assyria (circa 740 BCE), and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and half of the tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Halah and Habor, and Hara and to the River Gozan, unto this day.**"

All this is recorded in the Bible, so add the captivity of all the tribe of Naphtali, as recorded in **2 Kings 15:29**, and the captivity of Reuben, Gad and half of the tribe of Manasseh, and you will have quite a number of transported Israelites unto Assyria, long before Sargon II came to the throne, in 720 BCE.

Now, add to this that which is recorded in **2 Kings 17:6**, "**In the 9th year of Hoshua (Circa 721 BCE), the king of Assyria, (Shalmaneser) took Samaria and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and Habor by the river Gozan and in the cities of the Medes.**" This augments the number of transported Israelites considerably. Then Shalmaneser died, and he was succeeded by Sargon II who records the transplantation of 27,190 over and above what the other Assyrian rulers had already transplanted. The number of transported Israelites mounts up pretty high, so high that there are hardly any Israelites left to remember the religious customs of the land; for, in **2 Kings 17:24-28**, "**The King of Assyria brought men from Babylon and from Cuthah and from Ava and from Hormath, and from Sephaivaina, and placed them in the cities of Samaria, instead of the children of Israel; and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. And so it was at the beginning of the dwellings there, that they feared not Yahweh. Therefore, Yahweh sent lions among them, which slew some of them. Wherefore they (these newcomers in Samaria) spake to the**

King of Assyria, saying, ‘the nations which thou hast removed and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the Elohim of the land; therefore He hath sent lions among them, and behold they slay them, because they know not the manner of the Elohim of the land.’ Then the King of Assyria commanded, saying, ‘Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence, and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the Elohim of the land.’ Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel and taught them how they should fear Yahweh. Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.”

This is pure Bible history. Where then is there any basis for the claim of amalgamation of the Israelites with the imported Assyrians which, it is stated, were the Samaritans of the Messiah's day?

Here follows evidence from these imported people themselves that they are not of the stock of Israel. If the reader will check in Flavius Josephus' *Antiquities of the Jews*, Book 12, Chapter 5, Section 5, you will find the following: “When the Samaritans saw the Jews under these sufferings, they no longer confessed that they were of their kindred, nor that the temple on Mount Gerizim belonged to El Shaddai. This was according to their nature as we have already shown, and they now said that they were a colony of Medes and Persians; and indeed they were a colony of theirs. So they sent ambassadors to Antiochus, and an epistle, whose contents are these: ‘To King Antiochus the God, Epiphanes, a memorial from the Sidonians, who live in Shechem. Our forefathers, upon certain and frequent plagues, and as following a certain ancient superstition, had a custom of observing a day which by the Jew is called the Sabbath. And when they had erected a temple at the Mount called Gerizim, though without a name, they offered upon it the proper sacrifices. Now, upon the just treatment upon these wicked Jews, those that manage their affairs, supposing that we were akin to them, and practice as they do, make us liable to the same accusations, although we are originally Sidonians, as is evident from the public records. We, therefore, beseech thee, our benefactor and Savior, to give order to Appolonius, the governor of this part of the country and to Nicanor, the procurator of thy affairs, to give us no disturbance, nor to lay to our charge what the Jews are accused for, since we are aliens from their nation and

from their customs; but let our temple, which at present has no name at all, be named the Temple of Jupiter Hellenius. If this were once done, we should be no longer disturbed, but should be more intent on our own occupation with quietness, and so bring in a greater revenue to thee.” See also **Ezra 4:10**.

The above statement by the Samaritans is self-evident that they were not descendants from the original northern tribes of Israel, nor an amalgamation of them with the Cutheans and Babylonians and other nations which the Assyrian kings had transported into Samaria at different times. Over and above this, we again have the clear statement of Scripture, which says, “Therefore Yahweh was very angry with Israel and removed them out of His sight; there was none left but the tribe of Judah only” **2 Kings 17:18**. In addition to this is the testimony of Yahshua the Messiah, who, when speaking to the Samaritan woman at the well, said, “**Ye worship ye know not what; we know what we worship; for salvation is of the Jews.**” See **John 4:22**.

Again, may I suggest that the reader refer to Josephus’ *Antiquities of the Jews*, Book 11, Chapter 5, Section 2, and obtain more historical evidence of the separation of the two different captivities of Judah and Israel, and proof that they have not as yet been joined together as one nation, as it is prophesied that they shall be preceding the Savior’s return. See **Ezekiel 37:16-25**.

Now for the recorded history: “So he (Ezra) read the epistle (which he had received from Artaxerxes) at Babylon to those Jews that were there; but he kept the epistle itself, and sent a copy to all those of his own nation (Israel) that were in Media; and when these had understood what piety the king had toward Yahweh, and what kindness he had for Esdras, they were all greatly pleased; nay, many of them took their effects with them and came to Babylon, as very desirous of going down to Jerusalem; but the entire body of the people of Israel remained in that country; wherefore there are but two tribes in Asia and Europe subject to the Romans, while the Ten Tribes are beyond the Euphrates till now, and are an immense multitude and not to be estimated by numbers.”

Antiquities of the Jews, Book 10, Chapter 9, Section 7, is a record by a historian who lived in a period remote from the modern would-be historians. He had original sources of information which would have been lost to us, except for the Biblical records which are still preserved.

To this, if you will, you may add the prophecy of Esdras, in II

Esdras 13:32-44, which reads, as follows, “And the time shall be when these things shall come to pass, and the signs shall happen which I showed thee before, and then shall My Son be declared, whom thou sawest as a man ascending. And when all the people hear His voice, every man shall, in their own land, leave the battle they have one against another. And an innumerable multitude shall be gathered together, as thou sawest them, willing to come and to overcome Him by fighting. But He shall stand upon the top of Mount Sion, and Sion shall come, and shall be showed to all men, being prepared and builded, like as thou sawest the hill graven without hands. And this My Son shall rebuke the wicked inventions of those nations, which for their wicked life are fallen into the tempest, and shall lay before them their evil thoughts, and the torments wherewith they shall begin to be tormented, which are liked unto a flame; and He shall destroy them without labour by the law which is like unto fire. **And, whereas, thou sawest that He gathered another peaceable multitude unto Him; those are the Ten Tribes which were carried away out of their own land in the time of Osea (Hoshea) the King whom Shalmaneser the King of Assyria led away captive, and he carried them over the waters, and so they came into another land. But they took this counsel among themselves, that they should 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 the Euphrates by the narrow passage of the river; for the Most High then showed signs for them, and held still the flood till they were passed over.”

These records have been preserved for us, but some men prefer their own fables, rather than the records of true events which the Almighty has caused to be written for our instruction. I am shocked to think that religious organizations, claiming existence upon the authority of the Holy Scripture, should, by innuendos, discredit the authentic record written therein.

Now as to the statement that the Israelites were amalgamated with the alien races which they contacted, let me quote from the sure word of Yahweh, as recorded in **Numbers 23:9, “For from the top of the rocks I see him (Israel), and from the hills I behold him; lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned (amalgamated) among the nations.”** And from **Exodus 33:16, “For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? Is it not in that thou**

goest with us? So shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are on the face of the earth." And still more corroboration of this is found in **Deuteronomy 33:28**, where we read, "**Israel shall dwell in safety alone....**" As for the disdain in which some hold the claim of racial superiority claimed for Israel, let me here quote from *Moffatt's* translation of the Bible: "**From these cliffs I scan them, from the mount I mark them, a folk who live secure, who reckon themselves above all races,**" **Numbers 23:9.**

To this let us add **Exodus 19:5**, which reads, "**Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.**" Then to this we will add more evidence by reading **Deuteronomy 7:6**, "**For thou (Israel) art an holy people unto Yahweh thy Elohim; Yahweh thy Elohim HATH CHOSEN THEE TO BE A SPECIAL PEOPLE UNTO HIMSELF, ABOVE ALL PEOPLE THAT ARE UPON THE FACE OF THE EARTH.**" Yes, read on the next two or three verses, then turn to **Deuteronomy 14:2**, where we read, "**For thou art an holy people unto Yahweh thy Elohim, and Yahweh hath CHOSEN THEE to be a peculiar people unto Himself, ABOVE ALL THE NATIONS THAT ARE UPON THE FACE OF THE EARTH.**" And again, in **Deuteronomy 26:18-19**, read, "**And Yahweh has avouched [declared openly] thee this day to be His peculiar people, as He has promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all His commandments; and to make thee HIGH ABOVE ALL NATIONS which He hath made, in praise and in name, and in honor, and that thou mayest be an holy people unto Yahweh thy Elohim, as He hath spoken.**" And still more, read from **Psalm 148**, verse 14, where it is written, "**He also exalteth the horn of His people, the praise of all His saints, EVEN THE CHILDREN of ISRAEL, a people near unto Him. HalleluYAH.**" Going into the New Testament, turn to **1 Peter 2:9**, where Cephas, writing to the dispersed Israelites (**1 Peter 1:1**), says, "**But ye are a chosen generation, a ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, AN HOLY NATION, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.**"

Please note, that Cephas was not writing to the heathen who had believed in the Good News. He wrote specifically to the Diaspora, the dispersion of the **TEN TRIBES OF ISRAEL**, who had

been dispersed throughout WESTERN ASIA, and Eastern Europe; and he still called them a “HOLY NATION,” NOT holy CHURCHES. There are still more Scriptures, but this should suffice.

The above quotations from the Bible, and more which could be cited, are the basis for British Israel’s claim to racial superiority; and, to this, you can add the claim of the Germans, yes, and all of the Caucasian race, and this from the word of Yahweh.

To the claim that **Ezra 8:35** seems to fulfill the prophecy of **Ezekiel 37:19**, let me call your attention to the fact that the fulfillment of **Ezekiel 37:16-23** is contingent upon the fulfillment of **verse 24**, which would bring the seed of David to sit upon the throne to rule the reunited House of Israel, and that seed of David is Yahshua the Messiah, after His return, which has not taken place, as yet; but, it is still in the future. See also **Hosea 1:11**.

As for **Acts 26:6, 7**, being used to prove that the Jews represent all the twelve tribes of Israel, let me call attention to **2 Chronicles 30**, where Hezekiah offered the Passover for all the twelve tribes of Israel, in spite of the fact that Israel refused his invitation to join him in the observance of the Passover. (See **verse 10**). And also permit me to call attention to Daniel’s prayer on behalf of all the twelve tribes, while he, himself, with the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, were the only Babylonian captives.

Therefore, it was natural for the Apostle Saul (Paul) to hold to the promises of Yahweh to all Israel, even though his own nation, Judah, accused him as a heretic. There is no evidence that Saul regarded Judaism of his day as the continuation of all the twelve tribes of ancient Israel. I think that I have been fair in my comment of criticism against the principle of British-Israel identity with ancient Israel.

Now to go back to the Saviour’s commission to the disciples: I repeat that they were to tell the LOST SHEEP of the House of Israel (not Judah) that the Kingdom of Yahweh was about to be established, as soon as they could ready themselves for it. And here we are, after two thousand years, but Israel is not ready, because the doctrine of the KINGDOM has not been preached, and some sincere “born-again” saints, and many others, call this “Good News of the Kingdom” a “SIDE ISSUE,” with some actually saying that it is a false doctrine. This attitude is retarding the identification program, which, in turn, is hindering the establishment of the KINGDOM.

Yahshua the King is coming, and I believe that He is coming

soon; but He will not come before all things have been prepared, and that means a Kingdom people, the people of His NAME, to whom Yahweh has assigned dominion under the leadership of His Son Yahshua, the Messiah. Therefore, let us stop sucking at MOTHER BABYLON'S BREASTS for the doctrine of Yahshua and the Kingdom. She has deceived all nations with the wine (doctrine) of her fornication. We need to turn back to the pure word of Yahweh, and study Yahweh's plan for Israel's dominion. In the words of Isaiah, "**They that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in**" (Isaiah 58:12) Not only of the Sabbath, but of all the KINGDOM TRUTH, for Yahweh has not changed His mind, nor defaulted in His promises.

So, brethren, let us retrace our steps, if we have tasted the good word of Yahweh, and have been made partakers of His salvation, and have been fully reconciled to Him. Let us therefore seek the Kingdom of Yahweh in all of its ramifications. We, too, as the disciples of old, will be looking for the restoration of the Kingdom to Israel, and working for, as well as praying for, the establishment of the Millennium Kingdom wherein all of the righteous laws of Yahweh will be functioning for the benefit of all.

In writing this article, my hope is that I may provoke a desire in the hearts of those who, as yet, are unacquainted with this subject, that they may search the Holy Scriptures, and join the restoration movement, that we all may share in its restoration, as well as sharing the Kingdom when it will be established.

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