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## Israel Resurrected, Israel Restored

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The Division – Understanding Israel and Judah as a separate people

We need to understand a little about the complex makeup of the people of Israel. We call them all Jews today but it is much more than that. The complexity in the divisions of the Tribes, the spite, North and South, the captivity periods, the seeming disappearance of the Northern ten tribes, the Roman dispersions, not once but twice. In many ways the term “Jew” means as much about a religion as it does a people, but this term is used generically in reference to all people of Israel. As a religion it is as divided as the Christian religions, with sects and cults, customs that don't agree in dress or manners. Still, our Bible, accepted as coming from our Creator, tell us that the whole House of Israel is going to one day be resurrected. More on that later, for now let's have a brief look at this anomaly we call Israel.

Israel is to be restored as well as the tribe of Judah, once again the two separate ancient divisions, the Northern tribes divided from the Southern tribe bound up together as one (Eze 37:16-17). The world at large sees the modern state of Israel as the Jews occupying what some refer to as Israel. It is taught by most Christian Churches that the Israel of today, in the news almost daily, is the Israel of Bible prophecy, this is only partly true. The fact is most of the Israelite people in modern Israel today are of the tribes that made up the southern portion of the Kingdom of Israel, Judah, along with three other tribes, all called Jews as they are known today. The *House of Israel* is *all of the tribes*; all of the people that entered the promise land, all twelve tribes are the HOUSE.

### Twelve Tribes or Thirteen

With the tribe of Joseph receiving a double portion through his two sons Ephraim and Manasseh there are actually thirteen tribes, and you could count even higher than that if you count in the division of the Priesthood (more on that later). The nation of Israel eventually divided north and south. The Northern Kingdom called "Israel" and the Southern Kingdom, Judah. Judah, at the time of separation, amounted to four tribes: The Levites, a priestly family in service to the Temple at Jerusalem, although they possessed no land as such, were given thirteen towns and adjoining pasture land in the southern province. The four tribes in the south, encompassing Jerusalem and the Temple were Judah, Benjamin, and Simeon – three sons of Leah, Rachel's handmaid and Benjamin, son of Rachel. The tribe of Benjamin, a tribe that always seemed to be at odds with the other tribes,



finding sanctuary around Jerusalem and being closer to Judah than his brother Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, Benjamin's tribal nephews, located to his immediate North. Next is the Tribe of Simeon positioned to the southern boundary, and of course, Judah the dominate figure of these people occupying the area that housed the city of Jerusalem and the Temple, and the Kingdom throne. Judah is seen as a composite of these four tribes, or clans, while the remainder occupied the Northern territory. These clans of the North became known as Israel, the "Lost Ten Tribes", as they came to be known.

All Jews are Israelites but not all Israelites are Jews – the total "House of Israel" is all of the people, all of the tribes, the northern and the southern tribes combined. Judah, technically is representative of only four tribes, mention before, the total of the whole house of Israel was fathered by one man, two wives and two handmaidens. Rachel's handmaid, Bilhah and Leah's handmaid, Zilpah, each mothering two tribes each. Dan and Naphtali, sons of Bilhah and Gad and Asher, sons of Zilpah and all four of these named tribes went with the breakaway Northern tribes. There was a small mixture of Israelite (Northern 10 tribes) people defected from the North at the time of the break away, preferring to stay with the original Temple Order located in Jerusalem, but this was a very small minority, but still, a representative of some of the Northern tribes.

Eventually the Northern Tribes were overrun by the Assyrians, taken captive, removed from the land into slavery by the Assyrians and their cities turned over to another people. The rise of the Babylonian Empire replaced and displacing the

Assyrians, ultimately leading to the dispersion of the Northern Tribes along with the Assyrians, into the uncharted parts of the world, mostly the area we call Europe, their identity, for the most part, becoming lost to history. There seems to be some historical evidence for the mysterious appearance of those called Celts with the Israelite people. The Celtic history, however, seems to come from the time of Israel's leaving Egypt. About this time the Celts seemed to appear in Europe. They are a mystery people, seemingly appearing out of nowhere. Their legends, however, paint a picture of having crossed the southern seas (Mediterranean). Clearly these were not Egyptian. What may make sense is that these people, either a mixture of some Israelites and other slaves took the opportunity to escape Egypt under the onslaught of the plagues. At any rate, when we examine the lineage of those called Israel or descendants of Israel they are a mixture of people. We are not told what race the handmaidens, Bilhah and Zilpah were. Each hand maid was given to Rachel and Leah by their father when they left their home land to go with Jacob. It is quite possible these two handmaids were also Hebrews as indentured servants. This would make all of the sons of these four women from the same blood lines.

The Jews, the four-tribe union, Judah, Levi, Benjamin, and Simeon has always maintained its identity under the banner of Judah and are the composite of what we see as the state of Modern Israel. It is no accident that the territory Modern Israel occupies today is basically the same land area the tribe of Judah, along with Simeon and Benjamin, and Levi occupied before they were taken captive by the Babylonian Empire and later dispersed by the Roman Empire many, many years later. The tribe of Levi possessed no



claim to any territory as did the other tribes and were obviously assimilated into the other three tribes, as were a mixture of their descendants from the Northern Tribes that stayed with Judah when the split occurred, as well as the Kohathites of the priestly, kin to the tribe of Levi. When taken by the Assyrians (Salmaneser V, pretty much putting an end to the Israelite Northern Tribes around 725 B.C.). The Assyrians were eventually displaced by the Babylonian Empire and were pushed out of the territory they held and in this dispersion the people of the Northern tribes went as well.

One might assume that some intermixing with Assyrian blood would only be natural as both groups escape the oppression of the new power of Babylon. The Assyrians were a fierce people and enjoyed being masters of the Fertile Crescent, an area that swept from Persia (We call Iran today) over Babylon (the Area we know as Iraq today) up into the north (Turkey of today) falling south over the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea to engulf Egypt. There was one small hold out in the middle of the Assyrian Empire, Jerusalem and the immediate area around Jerusalem amounting to the state of Judah. Not for lack of trying, at this time in history, but by a miraculous defeat (2 Kings 19:32-37) Jerusalem and Judah are saved from the fierce Assyrians for a time.

The next Super Power to rise up and displace Assyria would be the Babylon Empire under King Nebuchadnezzar II. Around 597 B.C. Jerusalem was taken and the Temple was torn down. By this time no one is speaking of Israel, the Northern Tribes, they are gone and seem to have disappeared from history. The

Babylonian Empire defeats the Assyrians and the Egyptians and over a period of about 20 years pulled the people of Judah out of their home land. Daniel and some other young men of Jerusalem were taken to Babylon in 605 B.C, and the Temple sacked in 597 B.C. then a mini revolt by Zedekiah causing the Babylonians to return putting an end to their Jewish problem in 586 B.C. Zedekiah watched as his sons were killed in front of him and then he was made blind by his captures but allowed to live out his days at the kings table.

### Israel Today and Tomorrow

Okay, enough of a history lesson, not my strong suit, but it needs to be understood, even in a minor way, in order to understand the prophetic future of Israel and Judah apart from one another. Especially today when everyone is calling the Jewish nation, Modern Israel, as though this is the “House of Israel” and it is not, it is but a small portion of the “Greater Israel”. There is a recognized division; however, a division that will one day be healed as the two will be brought back into a single union, not by men but by God Himself.

*(Jer 23:3-4) I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the YHWH.*



*(Jer 23:4-6) The days are coming, declares the YHWH, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In His days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: YHWH Our Righteousness.*

*(Jer 23:7-8) So then, the days are coming, declares the LORD (YHWH), "when people will no longer say, 'As surely as the LORD (YHWH) lives, who brought the Israelites up out of Egypt,' but they will say, 'As surely as the LORD (YHWH) lives, who brought the descendants of Israel up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them.' Then they will live in their own land." MKJV*

Do we see this today? Some say we do but look; this speaks of the whole of Israel not some little patch work of a secular population pulled from different parts of the World. The "Branch raised up" is recognized as YaHshua, but look – His day has not come yet, He is not ruling over Israel today, but that time is coming but is not here yet. This is speaking of a people that will call on Him, and will see Him as their God, not like today where 90% of the Jewish populations, within Modern Israel, claim no god at all – this was reported by the Jerusalem Post some years ago.

The House of David Resurrected in the Flesh

We see from the above quoted verses a "Righteous Branch" is raised up from the Line of King David. This is, of course,

recognized as our Savior, but not only Our Savior but the Savior of Judah also. The context is certainly speaking of when the Messiah has returned to rule and to save not only Judah but Israel as well. Israel, all of Israel united and “brought back to life” to meet our Lord Yahshua, not only our Savior but theirs also. Just as we read in Jeremiah, they will no longer be remembering the day they were (as a people) brought up out of Egypt but will be remembering the day YaHshua brought them all back, the “whole house of Israel”.

King David will sit again as a ruler over Israel, a “resurrected Israel and Judah”, united as one. His whole house will be raised to live again as you will read in the following verses.

*(Ezekiel 37:24-28) “My servant David will be king over them (Israel), and they will all have one shepherd (the Messiah). They will follow my Laws and be careful to keep my decrees. They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children’s children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever. I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever. My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. Then the nations will know that I YHWH (the LORD) make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever.” NIV (Read Revelation 21- 22)*

This is an astounding quote from the pages of your own Bible especially when you consider this was written more than four



hundred years after King David's death. The timing of the above quote can be placed at the time of our Messiah's return to this Earth. Notice, "... I will put my sanctuary among them forever".

*"I did not see a temple in the city because the Lord God Almighty (The Father) and the Lamb (The Messiah, Yahshua) are its temple." (Revelation 21:22, NIV)*

This verse goes with a full description found in Chapter twenty-two of the new heaven and new earth and it can be seen that the "sanctuary" is the Father and the Son. There is to be a restoring of Israel and it will not come by the acts of men but by the power of the Living God. He is the sanctuary and in the finish of all prophecy the Father and the Son will be the Sanctuary. HOWEVER, the period of Israel's physical resurrection and being totally brought back to the land will be directly after YaHshua/YHWH's return as King of Kings. I repeat – as KING of KINGS.

*"The LORD (YHWH) will be king over the whole earth, on that day there will be one LORD (YHWH), and His Name the only name." (Zechariah 14:8)*

*"It will be inhabited (Jerusalem); never again will it be destroyed. Jerusalem will be secure. This is the plague with which the LORD (YHWH) will strike all the nations that fought against Jerusalem. (verses 11-12)*

Read this whole chapter it is fascinating. The Mighty YHWH/YaHshua is going to strike the nations with a plague of horror and fear and Judah is not going to escape this event.

*"...Judah too will fight at Jerusalem".* This makes it plain that descendants of Judah are to be located at Jerusalem, as they are to this day. This would have been a word of prophecy had you read it prior to the *Jews* returning to their home land – remember, not all Israel. Who would have thought, before World War II, that the Jews would be able to get back to the Land of Palestine, let alone establish for themselves a modern nation? This is a small word of prophecy fulfilled, a partial fulfillment, a set up for the things still to come. Modern Israel is not the Israel that is to live at peace under the protection of the Almighty – today's Israel does not rely on the God of the Bible to protect them but in making false treaties and deals with other nations, but the day is coming when this will change and they will trust in YaHWeH/YaHshua and will stop trying to make treaties with nations bent on wiping them out – modern Israel is relying on their own diplomacy and treaties with men for their protection.

*"The survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD (YHWH) Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles."*  
(Zechariah 14:16, NIV)

*"The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it."* (Revelation 22:24, NIV)

*"If any of the peoples of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD (YHWH) Almighty, they will have no rain. If the Egyptian people do not go up and take part, they will have no rain. The LORD (YHWH) will bring on them the*



*plague he inflicts on the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.” (Zechariah 14:17-18)*

When the Kingdom of David is established with David again sitting on the physical throne over the resurrected Israel (Zech 12) and the Sanctuary of the Father and Lamb is established in Jerusalem the “nations” will be required to come up to worship the King of Kings and to and pay tribute. The Feast of Tabernacles is the time of recognizing the Millennium rule of the Messiah and a time to bring him a monetary tribute of your gain. The Feast begins at the end of the harvest of the crops, after the harvest is taken into storage, then the Feast and this Feast is celebrated over a seven day period. These verses leave no wiggle room for their timing and place – this will be at the very time the Messiah, YaHshua rules from Jerusalem – a time when the people of Israel (all of the people) will be raised in the “flesh” and be “restored” as proof to all of the Word of the Living God.

### Whole House of Israel

Make no mistake, Israel, the “whole House”, meaning Judah too, is going to be brought back to life in the flesh. At this time the Saints of the Messiah, that would be believers in YaHshua as Messiah, are looking forward to the resurrection not of flesh but the “quickenings” into a spiritual beings and eternal life. The house of Israel, however, will be raised back into the flesh and be given a new attitude, a new heart. You see, YaHshua, their creator wants them to succeed. His plan has never been to destroy the House of Israel, but ultimately save them. There is

more than this one witness to this event. Ezekiel is given the vision of this raising of Israel back to life, in the flesh.

## Ezekiel Vision

Ezekiel is taken by spirit into a valley full of bones and then watched as these bones had the flesh restored to them. YaHWeH, the Creator God is able to restore what has been lost or what has turned to dust or dissolved in salt water, He has that power and is going to bring Israel back – He, “*gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were*” (Romans 4:17). In other words, He can call things into being that did not exist before as well as raise the dead back to life; the latter should be much easier than the former, if there is anything to be compared hard or easy for Him?

*Then He said to me: ‘Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off. (Ezekiel 38:11)*

Yes indeed, things look hopeless for the House of Israel. Their history is filled with rebellion against their Creator. They are a supreme example of misplaced righteousness and rebellion against the only true, Living God (Romans 10:1-3). Israel’s failures are an example for us to learn from (1 Corinthians 10:5-11). YHWH did not allow Israel and Judah’s rebellion to go unchecked. He is not done with them, He is determined to make something out of their failure that will point to the only true God – so there can be no doubt -- YH and His Son, YaHshua are the



only true and Living God. Israel is coming back to life, back to the flesh to face their Savior whom they crucified (Zech 12:9-10).

*“Therefore prophecy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD (YHWH) says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. (Eze 38: 12)*

This verse demonstrates that the valley of bones is not just about the Israelites that have died in the land of Israel but the world over. The “*bringing*” back to the land would indicate this, the people of the House of all Israel; this includes the people of Judah that we call the “Jews”. They are going to be gathered up, united, no longer divided or hidden and will all have the opportunity to meet the Messiah in all of His Glory and come face to face with their sin.

*“Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD (YHWH), when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your land. Then you will know that I the YHWH (LORD) have spoken, and I have done it, declares the YHWH (LORD). (Eze 38:13-14)*

Wow, how wonderful is that? If you will read your bible with this knowledge tucked into your head you will see scriptures in nearly every book pertaining to the return of Israel to the land, a land “given” them by the YHWH. Believe me, this land is not the small Modern Israel seen in today’s news. Certainly the people of Judah had to be in Jerusalem for certain prophecies to begin to reveal themselves, but Modern Israel is not the “House of Israel”

that the Great Creator God is going to bring back to the Land. Modern Israel is mainly the work of men and with the help of other nations the Jews were delivered back to a small area of the land given to the children of Abraham, the land of Jacob.

The Jews are a small representation of the whole House of Israel. The modern Jews are mainly of three tribes of the House of Israel, the other ten tribes have lost their identity but the Creator God knows who they are. Also, there is no dispute that thousands upon thousands of the House of Israel have died and turned to bones and dust in the "land". While Jerusalem (Yerusalayim, or YH's peace) is destined to be the capitol of the whole earth the "land of Israel", as given to Abraham, will encompass a far greater area of real estate than is seen today.

Note: The name "Jerusalem" was originally seen as "Urusalim" and it is suggested that it meant "the foundation of the god, Salem". It is seen from the earliest writings (2400 BC) as Salim and later, around the 19<sup>th</sup> century BC in Egyptian texts as "Rushalimum". Genesis 14:18 mentions the King of Salem and Hebrews 7:1 mentions the King of Salem, so we can see that this name is a very old name indeed and the fact of this is supported by the New Testament reference. Understanding that the "J" in Jerusalem should be the Hebrew "Y" we can see the Name of YHWH added to the front of this ancient name – Y' rusalem, or Y' Urusalim or Y' Rushalimum. It wasn't until after the Bible had pretty much been finished when Rabbinic and Christian writings began to refer to this name as meaning "City of Peace". (1 king 11:36 the place He choose



to put His Name). Further information on this can be found in Harper's Bible Dictionary and Eerdman's Dictionary of the Bible. *(The Problem with the teachings of these and other Biblical sources is that they do not always agree with the Scripture. Consider Paul's writing to the Hebrews in the Book of Hebrews 7:2 where Paul makes reference of the "king of Salem" translated "King of Peace". This is a remarkable statement from Paul, well before the authorities of knowledge gave us the meaning of this translation -- city of Jerusalem, meaning, city of Peace. Paul reveals this truth hundreds of years before its final acceptance).*

## Greater Israel

*Genesis 15:18-21 In the same day the LORD (YHWH) made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto your seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.*

Break out a map and have a look at this area – it is nothing like the area, the land mass, Israel occupies today. Modern Israel is but a speck of what it is to be. The restored, “resurrected” Israel will have plenty of room and all under the protection of their “Redeemer”. Nations will marvel at this and wonder at how this all comes about. Many will say, “Let's go up to the Jews and have them teach us about their God”. The people of Israel will be “restored” to a position of honor and praise among the Nations.

*Micah 4:1-2 In the last days the mountain of the LORD's (YHWH's) temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it.*

*Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD (YHWH), to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in His paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD (YaHWeH/YaHshua) from Jerusalem (Y'rusalem).*

*Zephaniah 2:20 At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes," says the LORD (YHWH/YaHshua).*

The declaration to Abraham concerning the land is repeated for Jacob, the father of the Israelites. There is no mistaking the wording:

*Gen 35:12 And the land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac, I will give to you, and to your seed after you I will give the land.*

*Ezekiel 37:26-28 And I will cut a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them, and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever. And My tabernacle shall be with them. Yea, I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And the nations shall know that I YaHWeH sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary shall be in their midst forever.*



Israel has a wonderful future ahead of her but she will have a lot to go through, as will the Nations around her and any Nation that comes against her.

*Jeremiah 31:31 Behold, the days come, says YaHWeH, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, says YaHWeH: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, says YaHWeH, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

Israel is not the only Nation to enjoy the protection of YaHWeH when the “restoration” begins. The enemies of Israel will have been crushed and then an event will take place that will truly demonstrate the will of our Savior.

*(Isaiah 19:22-25) And YaHWeH shall smite Egypt: He shall smite and heal it: and they shall return even to the LORD, and he shall be entreated of them, and shall heal them. In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.*

*In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: Whom the YaHWeH of*

*hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.*

Our Creator, our God and God of Israel (YaHshua John 1:1) is going to restore Egypt, Assyria and Israel, each a third of the Empire YaHshua is going to build. Some have said Assyria is modern Germany, but this cannot be, at least in the meaning of these verses. Assyria in this understanding, being a third, along with Israel and Egypt would suggest that this Assyria will be the Syria and possibly Turkey united and restructured under the Kingdom of God structure. A highway will be connecting the three like a main artery and all of these territories will be under the eye of YaHshua as Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

*(Isaiah 49:26) And I will feed them that oppress you with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I YaHWeH/YaHshua is your Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.*

*(Isaiah 49:14-16) But Zion said, YaH/weH has forsaken me, and YaHWeH has forgotten me. Can a woman forget her suckling child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yes, they may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have carved you on the palms of My hands; your walls are forever before Me.*

The Redeemer and Holy One of Israel has not and will not forget Israel (Isaiah 49:7; 48:17; 47:4). He is not only our Savior and theirs but He has a special relationship with them, a relationship He is going to recognize again:



*(Isaiah 54:5) For your Maker is your husband; YaHWeH of Hosts is His name; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; the God of the whole earth shall He be called. For YaHWeH has called you as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when you were rejected, says your God. For a little moment I have left you; but with great mercies I will gather you.*

And again:

*(Isaiah 54:5-7) For your Maker is your husband-- the LORD (YHWH the) Almighty is his name-- the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth. The LORD (YHWH) will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit-- a wife who married young, only to be rejected," says your God. For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. NIV*

*(Isaiah 54:5) For your (Israel's) Maker is your husband-- YaHWeH Almighty is His Name-- the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; He is called the God of all the earth. NIV*

Israel has a future, a great and wonderful future, once again being taken as the wife of their Redeemer. And as a New Testament believer, just whom do you think their "Redeemer" is? Good guess, YaHshua, "and they will look on Him whom they pierced"

*John 19:37 And again another scripture says, They shall look on Him whom they pierced*

*Zechariah 12:10* And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on ME, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for Him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for Him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

He is the Way and the Future of us All

*(Isaiah 53:5-7)* But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was on Him; and with His stripes we ourselves are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, each one to his own way; and YaHWeH has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted; yet He opened not His mouth. He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before its shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth.

**(Note:** This appears to suggest YaHWeH and our Savior are separate but when we understand the Father's Name being shared with our Savior – a Name given our Savior at birth, bears the Father's Name just as our Creator, YaHWeH also bears the Father's Name. YaHWeH is identified as the Savior, YaHshua, in His Glory and as Creator of all things -- John 1:1=3. And when we read verses like John 1:18, we know that the Father was not seen nor heard, until YaHshua revealed Him, Mat 11:27, and putting two and two together it becomes obvious that YaHWeH, while representing the Father and His Name the YaHWeH of Israel was seen, was heard and came in the flesh as YaHshua, also in the name of the Father whom no one knew about.)



He is the reason we can be forgiven all our sins – imagined and real. He is the way and the solution to all of the problems we see on this Earth. He is going to raise Israel back to life as His Wife once again. Israel will be given a fleshly heart and will see their Savior, and their vow with their God will be renewed. Israel will be restored – the One they rejected will be accepted, that is His plan.

We see the Bride of the Messiah coming down out of Heaven, prepared to receive those once abandoned. How do we know it is Israel that John sees in his vision in the Book of Revelation? The Bride is identified as a city whose foundation is built upon the Apostles (all Jews) and whose gates are named after the tribes of Israel – not one mention of any Gentiles, believers or not.

*Revelation 21:9-14* One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

*It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. NIV*

What about us? What about the Christians of the New Covenant? Where are we in all of this. If Israel is the bride and wife then who are we? Oh, we will be there, but we must not make the mistake of taking that which belongs to Israel for ourselves (Rev 3:9) This is a bad habit of the Christian Church from the 4<sup>th</sup> Century AD , as they have claimed the promises made to Israel, even claiming to be the New Israel. Some in support of the false doctrine of humans going to Heaven use this vision of John 88888 that this is the Mansion of God and made up of the Church. ????? This vision, however, makes no mention whatsoever about this Bride, this CITY, as it comes down from Heaven has any more than the Names upon which this CITY is representative and marking whom will take possession of the Spirit City when it arrives as the Bride of the Christ, who, we see, is on Earth gathering people for the wedding Feast. Also, it should be recognized that this Bride, this Holy City does not come to this Earth until after the Millennial rule of YaHshua, after the flesh and blood resurrection of Israel, after our Quickening as the first fruits to follow, with YaHshua being the First Fruit.

To repeat, for emphasis: We, believers in YaHshua as Savior, will have been resurrected too and our mortal shells quickened into pure Spirit and we will be like Him, our Savior on that great Day – (1 John 3:2). The people of Israel, from the first of their creation, will be in a flesh and blood resurrection and given the opportunity to see and learn from our Savior, their Messiah. Our hope is in the first resurrection as “first fruits” with our Savior, YaHshua. Being in the first resurrection to “eternal life” the second death will have no power over us.



*Revelation 20:4-6 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.*

Yes, those in the first “resurrection” will rule with the Messiah for the 1000 years. Our future is set, as is Israel’s. Everyone else, from the foundation of the world’s beginnings will be decided in the Second resurrection and the second death.

Our Savior’s plan and that of our Father in Heaven has always been to save Israel. Why else would Satan be trying so hard to rid the world of the Jews? There is a curious thing about the Heavenly City, that Heavenly Jerusalem, coming down to this Earth – it has no Temple because the Father and the Son are the Temple (verse 22) and we see that the timing of this Heavenly City is after the 1000 years (Verses 1-3). This proves without a doubt that it is the pleasure of our Savior and our Heavenly Father to restore the people of Israel – why else would the names of the Israelite families and those of the Apostles be found on this City coming out of Heaven to this Earth? Israel has a great future in helping the world to learn about their God and the world will seek them out as teachers, and we have a future to be co-rulers

with the Messiah. But we must not forget, this Bride, this City coming out of Heaven is AFTER the 1,000 year rule of the Christ here on Earth. King David will sit, in the flesh again, on the throne over a raised Israel. Our Savior YaHshua will be here as the King over all Kings, a Spirit being in His full Glory along with His first fruits and a myriad of holy Angels, living on the Spirit side, directing and giving direction.

There is so much more that could be written on this but then why should I have all the fun. I have given you enough verses to do a research of your own. Go to your own bible and read the verses associated with the verses I have given and make your own chain of events involving the people of Israel. You will see right away that the majority of the prophecies concerning Israel are not past but future and you will see that much of it concerns an Israel not yet seen. Certainly an Israel has to be in place for events to begin, the prophetic statements concerning Israel's protection and deliverance by the hand of YHWH and the return of Israel from all the lands of this earth is still in the future. Modern Israel is but the tip of the events yet to come. Be prepared and understand that much of prophecy is not understood until *after* it happens. It is then that the Bible student will be able to see the full truth of the Word of the Living God, the God of Israel, YHWH. Before the full revelation, which is the fulfillment, we see as through a fog.

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