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#### DEUTERONOMY 6:

3 Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you a land flowing with milk and honey.

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!

5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Psalms 60:

7 Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine; **Ephraim** also is the helmet for My head; Judah is My lawgiver.

Isaiah 11:

13 Also the envy of **Ephraim** shall depart, And the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; **Ephraim** shall not envy Judah, And Judah shall not harass **Ephraim**.

Jeremiah 31:

9 They shall come with weeping, And with supplications I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, In a straight way in which they shall not stumble; For I am a Father to Israel, And **Ephraim** is My firstborn. Jeremiah 31:

20 **Ephraim** My dear son? a pleasant child? For though I spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still; Therefore My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him, says the LORD.

Psalms 80:

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!

2 Before **Ephraim**, Benjamin, and Manasseh, Stir up Your strength, And come and save us! 3 Restore us, O God; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!

Deuteronomy 33:

16 With the precious things of the earth and its fullness, And the favor of Him who dwelt in the bush. Let the blessing come on the head of Joseph, And on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers. 17 His glory is like a firstborn bull, And his horns like the horns of the wild ox; Together with them He shall push the peoples To the ends of the earth; They are the ten thousands of **Ephraim**, And they are the thousands of Manasseh.

#### **EPHRAIM**

#### INTRODUCTION

Ephraim proves that many of the peoples of Western Europe and their kin are descended from Israelites. Historically, most of the Hebrews were exiled by the Assyrians (2-Kings ch. 17) and lost their Israelite identity. The present-day Jews are only a remaining minority of the ancient Israelites. The Jews descend mainly from the Tribes of Judah, Benjamin, and Levi, with some minority representation of the other Tribes. The Bible says that most of Israel, i.e. all of the Ten Tribes, were deported. Archaeological and historical studies reveal that the northern Israelites had indeed effectually disappeared after the Assyrian Conquest and Exile. They are popularly known as The Lost Ten Tribes of Israel. Many researchers in the past wrote books or articles proving that the Lost Ten Tribes in the course of time migrated to the west to become the Celts, Anglo-Saxons, Scandinavians, and related peoples<sup>E1</sup>. This was also the view held by some of the earliest historians of Britain, Ireland, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland.

The Jewish Sages Rashi (1040-1105 CE) and Nachmanides (1194-1270 CE) also held views in accordance with this belief. This is discussed further on in this work. All of the more recent known authors relied upon the same general lines of evidence. The proofs generally adduced by these relatively "modern" writers may be divided according to their Biblical or Historical sources.

According to Scripture the Lost Ten Tribes or at least those Tribes headed by the descendants of Joseph were destined to possess the gates of their enemies i.e. strategic thoroughfares, ports, and passes<sup>E2</sup> (GENESIS 22:17 24:60), to be in the Isles of the Sea (ISAIAH 11:11 24:15 42:4 49:1-6 51:4-5 JEREMIAH 31:6-10), in the west (HOSEA 11:10), in the north (JEREMIAH 16:14-15), in the north-west (ISAIAH 49:12), and to be militarily powerful (GENESIS 16:19 MICAH 5:8), very numerous (GENESIS 48:16), and economically bounteous (GENESIS 49:25-26). It was predicted that they would be at the geographical extremities or "ends" of the earth (ISAIAH 41:8-9 43:6 49:6), and that they would be mainly monarchies (GENESIS 17:6,16). The Israelite Family-Clan names recorded in Genesis 46, Numbers 26 and in The Book of Chronicles were apparent in British and European historical Tribal names, as explained in The Tribes by Yair Davidiy. All of these attributes and more taken together are to be found in the West European peoples especially amongst the Englishspeaking branch, which includes the nations of North America, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. In addition many other indications exist based upon Scripture and Scripturally inspired writings proving this same point SOMETIMES DOWN TO THE SMALLEST DETAIL. Historically, the exiled Israelites became the same as, or at least confederated sections of, those ethnic combinations known as the Cimmerians, Scythians, and

Goths. These peoples all had moved to northwest Europe from the Middle East region by various paths and at different times.

Ephraim brings some proof concerning migratory movements of the exiled Israelites westward from the places to which the Assyrians took them. The emphasis in Ephraim however is placed on Biblical and Jewish sources or traditions that evolved from them that enable the Lost Ten Tribes to be identified **today**. It will be seen how the Bible and related Jewish expression indicate that the Lost Ten Tribes are to be found mainly in the West European and North American areas. All the proofs employed are highly pertinent in their own right. In addition to their own individual merit each proof also adds to and supplements the other sources. The result is an interrelated whole in which each fact should be considered in the light of all the others taken together. Since the Lost Ten Tribes in their wanderings covered many areas that were also settled by other peoples it sometimes becomes necessary to determine who today in the relevant regions really are of Hebrew ancestry and who are not.

Seven criteria derived from Scripture and used in determining which nations belong to the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel are discussed: **1. Blessings: Economic and Physical Blessings as promised to Israel in Scripture.** 

2. Indications of Scripture: In addition to the Prophesied Blessings other Biblical Evidence indicates where the Lost Ten Tribes would go to, what type of culture, religion and government they would have, etc.

3. Groundwork: Historical, Archaeological, and Related Proofs showing paths of migration.

4. Judah: This entails proven feelings of kinship and sympathy with the Jews and a Relative Lack of Anti-Semitism when compared with others.

5. Civilized and Civilizing. The Lost Ten Tribes were expected to become a civilizing influence over many nations, and to conduct themselves in a relatively humane manner. They were to serve as agents of influence that the rest of humanity would learn from and model themselves after.

6. Family Connection. Different peoples identified Israelites as descended from need to be historically linked with each other and considered ethnically related. This enables proofs applied to the one to be also pertinent to the other.

7. Tribal Affiliation. Each recognizable separate ethnic entity needs to have characteristics that allow us, even if only in a tentative way, to identify them as one or more of the Israelite Tribes.

In the past our listing of the Criteria occasionally differed from that above. This however was mainly due to some of them being already implied in the others. For instance, Historical Proofs are part of Groundwork. They include the belief held in the past by Jews that the Lost Ten Tribes were in Isles in the west. Jews in the Middle East transmitted this notion to the Arabs and through them we have knowledge of it.

*Ephraim* and Manasseh were the two sons of Joseph each of whom became a full-fledged Tribe in their own right. *Ephraim* was thus the name of one of the Tribes of Israel. In the Prophets the term *Ephraim* is sometimes also used to represent all of the exiled ten northern Tribes. A future danger to "*Ephraim*" (i.e. the Lost Ten Tribes in the west) from the forces of Islam is hinted at in the Prophets (Hosea 9:7-8).

Rabbinical Sources spoke of the Lost Ten Tribes being exiled to the River Sambation, to beneath the Clouds of Darkness, and to Daphne of Antiochea. The concepts and areas that these place-names represent lead to Western Europe and North America.

A famous and foremost Rabbinical work of spiritual contemplation, The Zohar, says that a red and white rose represents Israel. The description of this rose resembles

the Tudor Rose of England and is still one of the official emblems of that realm. The Zohar describes the return of the Lost Ten Tribes and their future re-unification with Judah. Jewish traditions concerning the Lost Ten Tribes correspond to National and regional characteristics of peoples identified herein as of Israelite origin.

Rashi (1040 – 1105 CE, Northern France) interpreted the Prophet Obadiah as saying that the Lost Ten Tribes were in France. "Rashi" is the most revered of all Rabbinical Commentators. The Hebrew word used for France is "Zarephath." Other commentators took "Zarephath" to encompass Britain, France, and the north. The Biblical Book of Obadiah according to Jewish Sources describes a coming showdown between Edom (Germany and Rome = United Europe?) on one side versus the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel on the other. Ephraim leads the Ten Tribes. The name "*Ephraim*" can also refer to the Lost Tribes in general. In a specific sense *Ephraim* is represented by Britain and peoples of British descent!

The Lost Ten Tribes will retain the areas they presently dwell in as well as resettling in the Land of Greater Israel meaning from the Nile to the Euphrates and beyond. *Ephraim* will inherit Syria and Lebanon. *Ephraim* together with Judah will cause the Palestinians to fly away to some place in the west (Isaiah 11:14)!

Scripture refers to the present-day Jews as Judah. Judah and *Ephraim* will re-unite but retain their individual separate Tribal Identity. Jewish sources speak of the need for Re-unification between Judah (i.e. the Jews) and the Lost Ten Tribes. The two sides are linked to each other in the Bible, and have highly individual characteristics that complement one another. This eventual union is connected with the re-building of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. Examples of the relevant sources are quoted from. Jewish tradition holds that in the last days two leaders are to emerge. One of these leaders will lead the Lost Ten tribes. Characteristic features of the described process also point to the USA and Britain as belonging to Israel.

This book, Ephraim, treats of many different matters that are all linked to each other. They are all connected with the identity of the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel. This subject is of the utmost importance and interest. Some of the claims made may seem somewhat far-fetched at first sight. Nevertheless, the conclusions drawn are justifiable. This should become clear after due consideration of the evidence provided in the following pages. The title Ephraim was chosen for this work since in Prophecy Ephraim is a term used to represent all of the exiled Ten Tribes of Israel. Originally the whole Twelve Tribes of Israel had been together in one kingdom. They were united under King Saul (of the Tribe of Benjamin), followed by King David of the Tribe of Judah and his son Solomon. King Rehoboam followed Solomon and in his reign the Ten Northern Tribes of Israel rebelled and set up their own kingdom (1-Kings chapter 12). The northern Kingdom was known as the Kingdom of Israel whereas those Tribes who remained

faithful to Rehoboam were referred to as the Kingdom of *Judah*. The first king of the northern kingdom was Jeroboam the son of Nebat. He was from the Tribe of Ephraim and had been appointed by Solomon over the "House of Joseph" (1-Kings 11:26) meaning the northern area in general. The Tribe of Ephraim had always made a claim to pre-eminence (Judges 8:1) but in practice most of the Kings of Israel who followed Jeroboam were from other Tribes. Nevertheless the term *Ephraim* is used to represent all of the northern Ten Tribes. These tribes were later all taken into exile by the Assyrians (2-Kings chapter 17). They disappeared and became known as The Lost Ten Tribes of Israel or in Biblical terms as *EPHRAIM*. This work intends to prove the identity of *Ephraim*, meaning the Lost Israelites, at the present time.

The Northern Ten Tribes were in the Kingdom of Israel. They were exiled by the Assyrians and became "Lost."

The Map below is based on conventionally accepted concepts whereas in effect the extent of Israelite settlement and control had been much broader.











#### End Notes to Introduction:

#### E1. Lost Israelite Writers

Names such as J.H. Alan, D. Apartian, W.H. Armstrong, W.F. Dankenbring, Anne Katrine Gade Kristensen, Terry Blodgett, Yair Davidiy, W.E. Filmer, R. McNair, W.H.M. Milner, and Steven Collins amongst others come to mind. Every one of these writers in his own way adduces pertinent proof deserving objective consideration. It sometimes happens that extraneous considerations or overzealous speculations also creep into our works but these should not prevent those points of genuine evidence that we really do have from being accepted.

#### <sup>E2</sup>. Gate of his Enemy and Tadmor

That this is the meaning of the term "Gate of his enemy" is proven by the Midrash which says that this blessing was exemplified when King Solomon built the city of Tadmor (i.e. PALMYRA in east Syria) and thus gained control over routes to and from the desert areas.



