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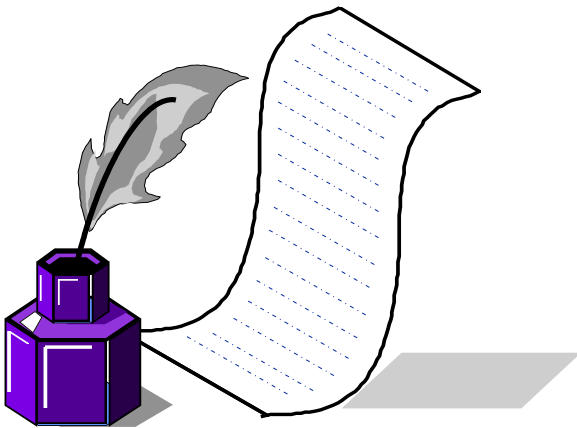
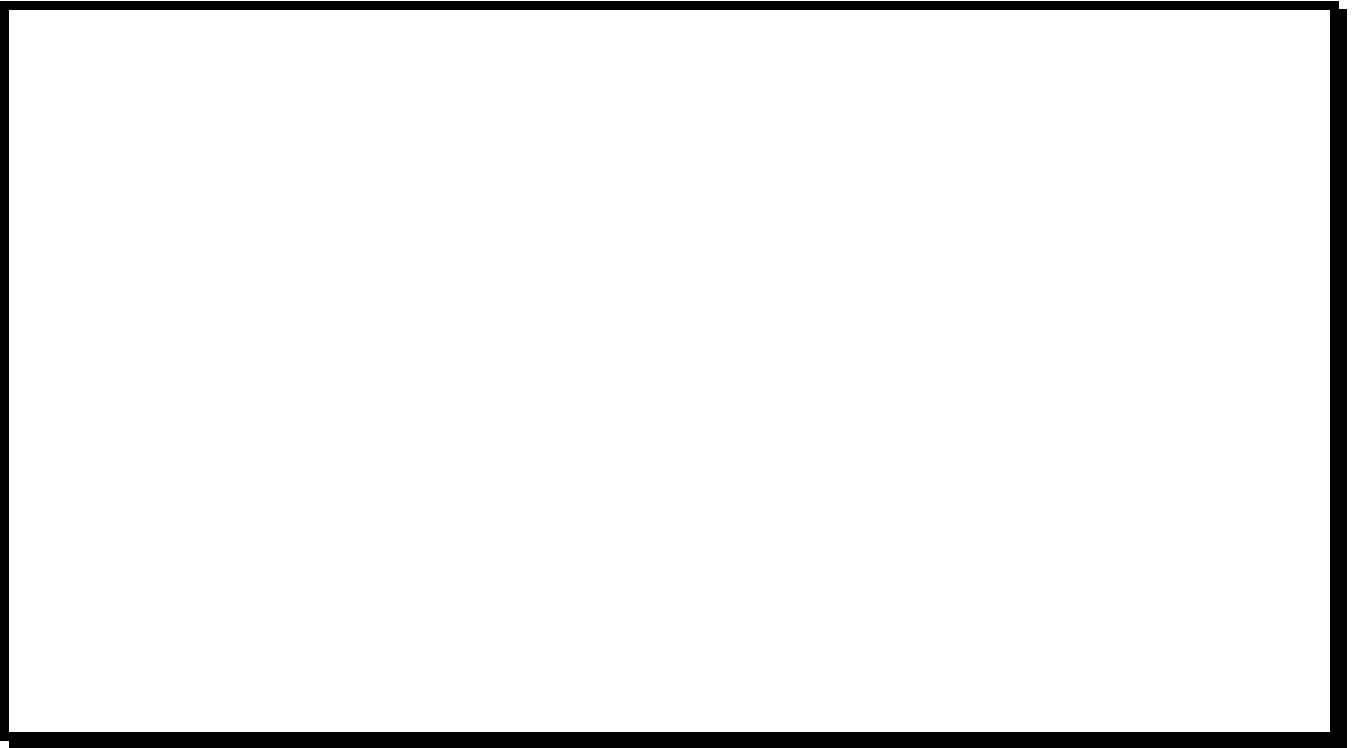
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EDITORIAL



Shalom from Jerusalem.

This is the fourth issue of Tribesman.

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Please continue to write, send contributions (if you wish), and continue to maintain contact and supply us with feedback.

We need to hear your reactions. We can always use snippets of interesting information and articles. We need input and dialogue.

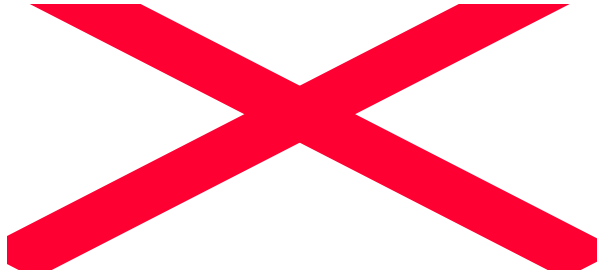
On the whole the last issue was quite good. The present one should also be up to standard. I find the information elevating and exciting and hope that our readership does as well. Both Yair Davidy and Benjamin Paul Blegen are operating with very limited resources. We are still getting the "bugs" out of this operation. Nevertheless things are improving and *Tribesman* is being published. We feel each time that we are progressing and each issue is an improvement on the previous one. God willing so it will continue. We would like to accept advertising.

Some of you expressed a desire to know me better so as a first step I have included a recent photograph.

Please renew your subscriptions. We are publishing important information and providing a forum for acquaintance that at present is unavailable elsewhere. This is a good cause and of benefit to us all.

May God Bless You, Yair.

LETTERS



All letters consist of partial excerpts of the originals and in some cases have been slightly adjusted at the Editor's discretion. At the same time the original language has been retained. Letters are included according to space available and degree of interest they may have to other readers. Other factors include their direct relevance to the Lost Tribes theme. Views expressed are those of the writers who also bear responsibility for veracity of information transmitted and so on.

REGARDS FROM AUSTRALIA

Dear Yair,

Thank you for the copy of Lost Israelite Identity, which is an excellent meticulously, researched work. You have done and are still doing a great service for the few who are interested in facts as they can be understood and or deduced from history, folk memory or where ever...

I have been heavily involved in trying to prevent our nation from being transferred to the sovereignty of the Supra Government (owners and/or controllers of the world's financial institutions and their multi-national corporations and industries) with a little success...

Kindest regards, Norm Segal, Nambur, Queensland, Australia.

More News to consider: Based on information supplied by Norm Segal:

Australia is potentially in danger from Indonesia. Indonesia is subject to increasing

pressures of Islamicisation. Indonesia already controls the northeast section of New Guinea and is settling it with Indonesian colonists. Indonesia desires the control of Australia and possession of Australia's resources and off-shore oil deposits. Australia has no substantial defenses. It has been claimed that elements in Australia's infrastructure have already taken into account the contingency of complete capitulation in the event of conflict.

Comment: *In World War-ii Japan was interested in conquering and colonizing Australia with its own people. Today Japan has invested heavily in Australia and is dependent on her for a portion of its raw materials.*

REGARDS FROM SWEDEN

Dear Yair,

Ethos is a problem in Sweden - because of NT exegesis of supposedly legitimate status of the country's Gentile Christians. But replacement theology is now losing ground and much respect is being shown to Jews (I mean in conscientious church circles and not in the

“All These Are The Twelve Tribes Of Israel” (Genesis 49:28).

empiricist academies where latent anti-Judaism lives on).

The battle [in Israel] over halachah will possibly need to restore legacies of identity such as your researches.

Traditionally, the media here seems too positive towards the Palestinians.

The radio did report a university finding about the difference between Lapps and Finns - which surprised me at the time as it was published years earlier in Nordic Origins.

Yours Sincerely S. Gusten Olson, Fostop, Halada, Sweden.

*Mr. Olson is the author of **The Incredible Nordic Origins**. In this work he suggests that the original "Nordic" settlers of Scandinavia came in contact with the Lapps and transmitted part of their lore to them. The Lapps are a primitive people of mixed Mongolian-Caucasian origin who live in northern Scandinavia and have domesticated the reindeer. They are believed to have been in Scandinavia before the Nordic Scandinavians arrived. The "Nordics" later lost some of the traditions that they had transmitted to the Lapps, --as frequently happens in similar cases. The original Lore of the Nordics can therefore in part be retrieved through a study of Lapp heritage. The Lapps live in a relatively static primitive state and therefore are more able to retain traditions. Evidence of customs and notions of Hebrew origin that are sometimes present amongst the Lapps actually reflect that of the early Nordics.*

S. Gusten Olson, in his work, also quotes from Scandinavian historical documents recording their Israelite origins and describing their migrations from the Balck Sea coast to Scandinavia. In addition he provides additional evidence and valuable insights.

***The Incredible Nordic Origins** may be ordered from S. Gusten Olson, Fostop 230, S-44696 Haland, Sweden. The price is \$20 including postage.*

*A review of Mr. Olson's book will be published in a coming issue of **Tribesman**.*

ISRAELITES AND NON-ISRAELITES IN SWEDEN

Shalom,

On Friday, July 23, there appeared an article in Blekinge Lens Tidning (a local newspaper) entitled "r judarna p vng att frlor sitt land?" ("Are the Jews on their way of losing their land?"). The author, Josef Nicklasson, is very concerned regarding the latest development with new meetings with Arafat. (And I share of course his concern.). Josef Nicklasson is afraid that if Ehud Barak will abandon more land and give it to PLO, the existence of the Jewish state will be more endangered than it is today. Josef Nicklasson occasionally writes very pro-Israel and pro-Jewish articles. Here in Blekinge there also exist some other authors who occasionally write similar pro-Israel articles. There exist also groups here in my hometown who work for and pray for Israel. In Salvesborg, western Blekinge there exists a similar group (I think they are Pentecostal) who are known in all of Sweden for their work for Israel. They have sent hundreds of thousands of crowns (Swedish currency) to persecuted Jews in Russia in order to help them to emigrate to Israel. This shows that there exist very philo-semitic groups here in Blekinge. Jews have also lived here in my home-town, Karlskrona, continually without any big problem for more than 200 years. They have their own cemetery and until recently they had a synagogue, but it was discontinued in 1994 because they could no longer gather ten men for a minyan. One of the Jewish families of Karlskrona has for more than one hundred years owned one of the most famous farms outside Karlskrona where they breed horses.

On the other hand there also exists a Nazi group here in Karlskrona, and I know that there exist some other highly anti-semitic individuals here in Blekinge. Does this indicate that some of the population of Blekinge perhaps does not belong to the lost tribes?

Or is it possible that the Nazis may be misled Israelites? Personally I doubt it.

I highly doubt that the Nazis of Blekinge are Israelites. In my opinion the population of

Blekinge is probably mixed - containing both Israelite and non-Israelite elements.
Orjan Svensson, Blekinge, Sweden.

GOOD WISHES

Dear Mr. Davidy,

I am so thankful to have found you on the Internet. Lately, it seems like this information on the Lost Tribes has been coming at me at ever increasing intervals. It seemed to take forever before I was able to find anything about this subject on the web. I hope you and your books and magazines will become well known quickly. I will do what I can to help!

Sincerely, Sharon Childress.

VISION OF IDENTITY

Dear Mr. Davidy,

On the eve of Rosh Hashanah 1995 (Sunday), I attended Church and went forward for prayer for the salvation of my children.

I saw a streak of lightning like fire come down and cover me. I saw fire as flames and two whirling vortices come toward me and overpower me. I did not know it was the Jewish New Year. A lady in Church told me. The event forever changed my life.

Afterwards I was drawn to read the scriptures and pray which I did continually. During this time the God of Israel became my focus and it was revealed to me ...that I was a part of Israel. Truly and in the flesh that I was the seed of Jacob...to find my destiny by learning my identity.

“Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered; and it shall come to pass that, instead of that which was said unto them: ye are not my people, it shall be said unto them: ye are the children of the Living God. And the children of Israel and the children of Judah shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint themselves one head, and shall go up out of the Land. For great shall be the day of Jezreel” (Hosea 2:1,2).

I learned of your ministry through a friend. I am sorry that I have no income to

share with you; but I do wish to encourage you and pray that God will guide you into His perfect plan as we agree with Him in His great work. For truly He said He will bring Israel and Judah back from Captivity and we will praise Him. Sharon, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

“GREAT WORK FOR THE LORD”

Mr Davidy:

You are doing great work for the Lord.
Darrell Fitzwater, San Gabriel, CA, USA.

ISRAELI STATE FLAG FLOWN BY ORANGEMEN IN ULSTER

Dear Yair,

Roger will send you a photograph of the Israeli State flag flying at Druinree where the Orangemen came into conflict with the authorities. Druinree means “the ridge of the cattle” we are told. I asked local Orangemen why they flew the Israeli flag: “The Jews are in the same difficulty as we are”, they said. One of the bands parading on the hill was “Portadown Star of David Accordion Band”. Before the vilence erupted - 1968 - Portadown had the largest meetings of BIWF in Ulster with about 50 men in attendance.

I hope to bring another party of British Israel people over to see you. I hear Mr. Arafat may declare Palestine a sovereign state. Nevertheless we hope to see you and your friends again. Be encouraged. God Bless You, Clifford. Dr Clifford Smyth, Belfast, Ulster, UK.

BIBLICAL INDICATIONS???? WILL THE PALESTINIANS MAKE PEACE????

Dear Mr. Davidy, Shalom!

I have difficulties hearing your tapes because of your terrible speed while speaking English.....

Mr. Elais Auerbach a medical doctor and Bible researcher from Haifa... believes...that for the most part...the ten tribes...are the Arabs from Palestine...the ten tribes.. became mixed with other groups of people, then became Christians, then became Moslem (?)....

“All These Are The Twelve Tribes Of Israel” (Genesis 49:28).

So are we, -are you and I pursuing an idea-fix, a fata morgana [*i.e. hallucination, mirage*]?

The Phillistines: The Palestinians according to my conviction do [not] deserve a state inside Israel but somewhere they will possess some land with administrative rules and laws. See the very interesting text: Zecariah 9;6-7: I will make an end of the pride of Phillistia. I will take away his blood from its mouth and its abomination from between its teeth. IT TOO SHALL BE A REMNANT FOR OUR GOD and it shall be a clan in Judah and Ekron shall be like the Jebusites.

Your writing about Damascus is highly interesting. Isaiah 17;1 and Jeremiah 49;20 both...indicate that Damascus will be destroyed, so do you think that those verses relate to the former Damascus? Some non-Jews think that the destruction of Damascus will take place in the very near future and I also think, that that could be so.

...The redemption goes very slowly...May the Lord of Hosts ...battle for his people as he has done many times before. We hope the Israeli army is on constant alert and prepared to hit where it can and should....

shalom ve beracha, your friend and brother,
Cornelius Sneep, Bremgarten, Switzerland.

COMPLIMENTS FROM A GREAT HISTORIAN

Dear Mr. Davidy

...I cannot tell you how impressed I am with all your books, writings, *The Tribesman*, your extraordinary knowledge of the subject of the Tribes. I myself, as a medieval scholar was only a Lost Tribes scholar for 3 short years. I had actually retired from History but decided to give 3 years to this very, very fascinating and important subject, which I concluded in 1988...

Sincerely Yours,

Anne K.G. Kristensen, Lyngby, Denmark.

INTERESTED IN THE LOST TRIBES

Please let me know more about your books and the cost. I am interested in the Lost Tribes and who they are. God is faithful to his Word

when he said he would fish and hunt for his flock that were lost and bring them all back to the land He promised our fathers.

Sincerely, Randy Varnum

IRISH SOUNDS HEBREW

Dear Mr. Davidy,

A friend forwarded a study paper (or book excerpt?) of yours to me quite a few months ago. I read it then, but have just ran across something in it that caught my attention.

Following is what interested me:

“In the Celtic languages of the British Isles there is an underlying Semitic grammatical structure. Much of the vocabulary of Welsh is Hebrew....”

My husband, children and I were watching a movie we got from the local library her in Illinois last month called "The Secret of Roan Inish". It was a movie set in Ireland. At one point in the movie a woman sang an old Celtic song. Right away I noticed that it sounded somewhat Hebrew. My husband agreed.

Tonight I was reading your paper again and noticed the above sentence. It really caught my attention this time because of the what I had noticed in the singing in that movie...Thank you for your time. For your information, my mother's side of the family is Irish, my father's side is Welsh. My husband and I are Sabbath and Holy Day keepers and do not eat pork. I was raised this way. However, we are not Jewish.

Shabbat Shalom,
Stefanie.

FULFIL PROPHECIES

Dear Yair & Associates

I very much appreciate your email posts and updates on information you are discovering or have obtained from others. Keep the messages coming. It is becoming more and more obvious to me that the original Israel tribes will be defined and must be allowed to enter Eretz Israel. I am inclined to believe that the tribes and/or righteous gentiles must be allowed to go up to Jerusalem and join themselves to the Jews

to defend the land and fulfil prophecies and the plan for Israel as laid out in the scriptures. Shalom, Richard Atwood, Orlando, Florida, USA.

DESCENDANTS OF DAVID

Shalom Yair,

Do you have any information on Eochaidh the Eremon, husband of Tamar Tephi? My clan descended from him through one of King Duncan's sons. Supposedly Tamar descended from the House of David, but the Abravanel, Ibn Dauds, and Shealtiels did as well, so the House of David still lives, which is comforting to know, and so do the leaders of the Cohens...

Thanks,
Micahel L. Johnson, California, USA.

Comment: *A coming issue of Tribesman will contain an article discussing descendants of David amongst European Royal Families and aristocracy. This article will cover only a portion of the manifold aspects of the subject.*

ALTERNATE REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY OF AN ASSYRIOLOGIST: ARE THE GERMAN ASSYRIANS ALSO "ELECTED"?

Dear Yair,

As far as your book is concerned...I personally very much agree with this theoretical historical model, but, I am not interested in limiting it to the Israelites. The bulk however of what we used to call Scythian-Cimmerian invasions (Assyrio-Israelite being a far more suitable term) was the mass of the Assyrians, who are the ancestors of today's Germans and Moscovites (here you have the entire Semitic origin of all the peoples of today's developed North).

Being rather a specialist on Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia (-Studies in Paris, London, Brussels, Munster, Damascus, Jerusalem, researches in Syria, Iraq, Iran, Turkey, Jordan, Israel, Egypt, Sudan, Pakistan.) I prefer to place your model within a very larger context, as far as this is possible and does

correspond to the sources (philological and archeological) and to their correct and appropriate interpretation.

I will try to explain here first the main directive rules of my approach: 1. Ancient Israel was an emanation of Mesopotamia (Abram lived so many years in Ur before leaving "his country"). 2. The concepts of Flood, End of Time, Messiah, Elected People, its Dispersion and its Return are definitely of Mesopotamian (Assyrian-Babylonian) not Biblical origin. 3. It is extremely important to realize the Neo-Assyrian, Sargonid Messianism (as the first "End of Time," that of the Dispersion of the Elected People was then arrivung). 4. Jonas in Nineveh and the ultimate rise of Assyrian Monotheism. Professor Cosmas Megalommitis, Alexandria, Egypt.

Comment: *The Professor sent me a fairly detailed summary of his ideas in French. He also published an articles in Craig White's "Origins of Nations" (vol.3, no.3). He identifies the Muscovites from the region of Moscow in Russia as a different people from the rest of the Russians even though they have intermixed with them. He says the Moscovites descend from the Muski or Meshek in the Bible. These originally dwelt in Phrygia in what is now central and western Turkey. The Assyrians became the ancestors to settlers in Germany. He also claims the Israelites took many Biblical concepts from Mesopotamia (Assyria and Babylon). **On this point he has reached mistaken conclusions!** There was some influence BUT the facts have been misread. Many scholars see parallels between what occurred in Mesopotamia and the Bible. Much of this information was derived from the library of Assurbanipal in the 600s bce or from other later sources. There is for instance the Code of Laws attributed to Hammurabi who is said to have lived in the 1700s bce. This code has some superficial similarities to the Law of Moses in some points. There are those who claim Moses was influenced by this code. The code is however acknowledged to have been written in the time of Assurbanipal in the late 600s bce though it is claimed to have been a replica of*

an older copy. Not so. The Assyrians always tried to attribute things to older dates. In the period 730-720 the northern Israelites were exiled and at once became an important element in the Assyrian Empire. They were taken into the army, the administration, into cultural life and through their enterprise, manpower, and know-how into the socio-

economic structure. They were identified with the Cimmerians and Scythians. About 639-614 they took over much of the administration in the Assyrian Empire. This was the peak of "Israelite"-like influences that Professor Cosmas speaks of. If anything these similarities prove the Bible and confirm our explanations rather than the opposite.

NEW BOOK OPENS UP NEW AREA OF STUDY FOR IDENTITY RESEARCHERS!!!

Book Review by John E. Wall,:

***"Lost Tribes of Israel"* by George S. McAchran**

Lost Tribes of Israel by George S. McAchran attempts to bring catastrophism into the Identity argument. I say, it's about time somebody did.

The catastrophism, which most concerns the author, is the shift of the earth's axis, which occurred during the reign of King Hezekiah of Judah. Hezekiah had requested of God, through the prophet Isaiah, that the shadow of his sundial go backward ten degrees as a sign that he [Hezekiah] would be cured of an ailment. The laws of physics forbids such a thing happening unless the earth reverses its rotation; in addition, according to McAchran, the earth tilted on its axis resulting in a shift of the poles to the present 23 1/2 degrees. Accurate illustrations show the position of the former North Pole in relation to the ice cap which then existed in the northern hemisphere.

This pole shift, McAchran argues, dried up the Middle East while also making Europe more temperate by melting its ice-age cover. This combination of catastrophic events forced the migration of peoples, including the Israelites, from the Middle East, while also providing a suitable home in Europe for God's people of Israel. This ingenious argument is perhaps the main strength of the book.

Unfortunately, this strength does not extend to the author's attempt to identify each of the twelve tribes of Israel in the modern world. The author correctly identifies Judah as the Jews and speaks sympathetically of their

persecution through the centuries. He advances good arguments for identifying the Welsh with Levi, and, in common with Yair Davidy and others, names Asher as Scotland. Dan is Denmark and Sweden. However, his identification of Ephraim and Manasseh as West and East Germany, and his attempt to explain Adolf Hitler's persecution of the Jews in terms of Isaiah 9:21 ("they [Ephraim and Manasseh] shall be against Judah") strikes me as bizarre. His identity of Naphthali with Italy and Greece hardly less so.

Other identities are equally unconventional compared to the mainstream of Identity scholarship: Gad is the Netherlands, Zebulun is France, Issachar is Norway, Benjamin is Belgium, Simeon is England, and Reuben is Ireland...

Lost Tribes of Israel by George S. McAchran is an uneven book...Yet the Identity scholar may want to have this book in his library for this reason: It is the first attempt, as far as I know, by any Identity researcher to incorporate Velikovskian catastrophism into Ten Tribes studies. McAchran's catastrophist arguments may prompt other researchers to search anew in this fascinating field, though some of his tribal identifications may be of questionable value. *Lost Tribes of Israel* by George S. McAchran can be looked upon as a signpost pointing Identity researchers to an area of study in this field that has long been unjustly overlooked...

Science:**CAN SKIN COLOR CHANGE?****DIFFERENT PHYSICAL TYPES AMONGST THE ISRAELITES:
DIFFERENT PHYSICAL TYPES IN GENERAL**

"Can the Cushite change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil" (Jeremiah 13;23).

Please Read Carefully

There were three sons of Noah, Shem Ham and Japheth. From these three descend all the peoples of the earth (Genesis 10). There are also three main racial groups. These are divided according to the predominant coloring amongst them into yellow, white, and black. Quite a few have assumed that the three main racial groups correspond to the three sons of Noah. Our impression is that there is some overlap but the correspondence is only a partial and even misleading one. Different colors and physical types are natural mutational responses to different environments. People who were related to each other coming from the same forebear did tend to settle in the same areas and so were subject to the same influences. At the same time it is difficult to be absolutely sure in these matters.

On the whole it appears that descendants of Ham include most of the dark peoples as well as some of the white ones. Descendants of Japheth encompass most of the Yellow peoples as well as several European white nations. Descendants of Shem include mainly white peoples as well as some of those who verge on being considered colored. There is an overlap of identities: Offshoots of Semitic people may have penetrated parts of Africa whereas some Hamitic peoples settled in Europe, all peoples are mixed to some degree. The Red Indians pertain mainly to Japheth though they must have had some Semitic (possibly Israelite) blood amongst some of their tribes.

Before publishing this article it was

shown to a friend who is familiar with "Identity" circles. His reaction was:

"A lot of American believers believe in a pre-Adamic creation (dusky people) and a separate creation of the broader white race via Adam. I myself find the issue confusing, because it is hard to believe that white parents could produce the Negro. What I am saying is that you are staking out a position in this article, and that position is at odds with many, some of whom are surely your supporters otherwise. Many of these Christian-Israel people are also separatists, and this article isn't going to endear you to them (!), even though it is well-substantiated.

Let me add that this article was very helpful to me in understanding the general difficulty."

Answer: I can only reply that a pre-Adamic creation is hard to reconcile with the simple meaning of the Bible. It is also unnecessary and in my opinion untrue. The Bible **does** say that Israel has hereditary enemies but it nowhere defines these according to skin color. It is obvious that in the normal run of things white parents are very unlikely to bear a Negro child. Nevertheless dark peoples (such as the Negroid Pygmies of New Guinea) do sometimes bring forth blond specimens and the reverse is conceivable. If you can recognize the fact that white, black, and brown horses all once had a common ancestor so too could white, black, and yellow people. Admittedly the two cases are not the same since other factors are involved but

"All These Are The Twelve Tribes Of Israel" (Genesis 49;28).

there is sufficient similarity for the point to still be valid.

I am not against separation of Israelites from non-Israelites, on the contrary. Ultimately those who are of Israelite descent will have to separate themselves and it may be that most of them will be “white” but this is incidental. Most white people are not necessarily Israelites and people of darker complexion in some cases may well also be of Hebrew descent. I dislike attempts to confuse the fact that Israelites are a separate people per se and that color differences between people exist. These are two separate matters with (in most cases) no necessary connection between them. In matters such as these we need to realize our dependence on the Almighty perhaps more than otherwise.

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what the LORD requires of you, only to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6;8).

Some people with racist notions may to a degree also support us though others amongst them are our worst enemies. They sent us hate mail using scatological language. They sent death threats. They wrote whole booklets and articles

against Yair Davidy, and apparently tried to sabotage *Brit-Am Israel* with a sophisticated computer virus. They also tried to close down the otherwise insignificant e-mail operation of *Brit-Am Israel* by jeopardizing the e-mail connection to the USA of an Israeli-based company. This could have caused an international incident! Our opponents are bed partners with Nazis and Arab extremists and no friends of any of us. Some of them would willingly exterminate us and everyone connected to us. Apart from that they speak untruthfully, have bad morals, and probably j-walk to boot!

At all events what we write herein is the truth as we understand it. If we are right, and I think we are, the best thing for all is that the truth be recognized.

At the same time this and similar articles contain elements of speculation and you are welcome to disregard them or consider other opinions. Only by taking all opinions into account can the truth be arrived at.

“Love truth and peace” (Zechariah 8;19).
 “The people shall dwell alone and shall not be reckoned among the nations” (Numbers 23;9).

***Reaction To A Report That Pharoah Ramses II Of Egypt Had Red Hair.
 Different Colored Africans of One Stock!***

“Ramses II reigned over a people that killed red-heads on sight. It would be hard to believe that such a society would be ruled by a red-haired god-king. A 4,000 year old mummy's hair needs to be scientifically analyzed to find out the hair color rather than basing it on the human eye. To describe his skin as tanned (as if it were naturally pale or white) is a misnomer. This African pharaoh of an African people was not European or Asian but a member of what Keita called the elongated Northeastern cluster of Africans. Nubians, Ethiopians, Somalis, Eritreans, and Egyptians, among others, fall into this category. There are many variations in hair color and texture, facial features, skin color and so on among them. They are biologically, culturally, genetically and racially black and African. Ramses II was a living, breathing, thinking, speaking, ancestor-worshipping African. If his skin was "light" and hair was "red", he was nothing other than a light-skinned, red-haired blackman - not auburn red in the European sense but a dusty, pygmy, red. -(The auburn-haired Scot's hair is quite different from this, even though, the bagpipes of Scotland have been found to not be of Scottish origin but of Ancient Egyptian origin...hmmm.) -There are many black people who have these physical qualities and there is nothing rare at all about it. For those of you who live in large American metropolises, the next time you catch a cab or stop at a corner store, if your attendant happens to be Eritrean, Somali, Ethiopian or Sudanese, take a long look at him. Ramses II or any other ancient Pharaoh probably looked very much like him, 4,000 years ago. My, how times change!!!”

RACE AND COLOR ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE SAME

We are involved in tracing Israelite ancestry to the descendants of various European peoples. This study involves some questions of heredity. Race is an aspect of heredity. Skin color is a very unreliable criterion for judging racial questions but it is one of the main determinants in the eyes of the average person. Even intellectuals who should know better react differently when faced with someone of different color. A lot of false assumptions are made on this matter and it does affect how many relate to the Israel "Identity" question. In this present article we are presenting information and opinions for the sake of consideration. The article is presented for the benefit of public interest. We may yet be proven wrong on most points.

We are also not taking any political or ethnic stance on this issue. If a Negro leader like Farrakhan wants to say that the Afro-American blacks in the USA are a separate distinct people and that they should be given their own state or country maybe he is right. What we are saying here is that color is not (on its own) a valid criterion to determine racial differences. This does not mean that the Afro-American blacks are not a distinct people since at least to a degree they must be. Combined with other factors color can be taken into consideration but it is not an absolute standard or the only one.

The European peoples fought each other for centuries. Part of the reason for these conflicts was inborn inherited differences even though physically they may often have looked much the same. There are inherited distinctions between peoples and in some cases the differences are accompanied by and accentuated with differentiated physical characteristics. **We are not attempting to deny these differences**, we merely wish to place them in correct perspective.

The present article discusses the possibility of change in "racial" type taking place without necessarily involving large-scale

intermixture with other races but rather due to environmental influences. We believe that what is written here deserves to be taken into consideration. We may be wrong. If anybody has claims or evidence to the contrary we would be happy to hear them and probably prepared to publish them as well. It should also be clear that we believe in "Race" in so far as we believe that descendants of different peoples have inherited tendencies. We also believe that differences in physical type amongst races can be proven to show paths of migration and present-day distribution. Our concern is primarily to trace Israelite ancestry. We are critical however of attempts to set any one type up as better than any other or to equate any one type as exclusively belonging to Israelites as a whole.

Migrants to America Were Different From Those Who Stayed Behind!

There is evidence indicating that people who came out of non-Israelite nations and migrated to Israelite ones were often of Israelite descent. Many of those, for instance, who came from Germany to North America were Israelites whereas most of those who stayed behind were not. The same applies to much of the rest of Europe. This point can be proved in several ways, one of them being actual physical "racial" differences. The following quotation from C.S. Coon is illustrative of results available. Coon was a prominent scientist of Physical Anthropology.

"Individuals who migrate from farms to cities also have been shown to be different in some biological respects from those who remained behind and comparable differences have been observed between migrants to new continents and those who stay at home." C.S. Coon in *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 1985, volume 18, p.970.

Mark the above statement well. It is saying that there were physical differences between those who migrated from one continent to another. The classical case is that of migration from Europe to

North America. Those who migrated were different from those who stayed behind. The differences were also physical ones and significant to a degree that they could be scientifically recorded and measured. This is what we have been saying all along. Even if there were no physical differences the point would still hold.

Caucasian Monkeys: Of Some Importance?

Ancient Chinese records described the "Barbarian" peoples who then lived to the north of them as blue-eyed and pink skinned. These peoples in many cases were the Israelite ancestors of peoples who later migrated to northwest Europe. In the words of the Chinese they looked "like monkeys".

I recently saw a News Report that depicted a whole tribe of monkeys from a cold area of Japan cavorting in naturally heated springs. These monkeys had fair-hair, pink skin, and bluish eyes, i.e. real Caucasian-type monkeys! This observation could be countered by the question as to why if the climate influences the color of monkeys it has not affected the color of the Japanese in that area? We would leave the question open. We are here just discussing various possibilities and recognize that in every case more than one factor must be involved.

There is a principle in the Talmud that "everything is created as it would want to be". This means that, Whatever one is the Creator has made him in such a way as to be pleased with himself, as he is. "Blue is cool. Black is beautiful. White is light."

We have stated (and in part proven) in "The Tribes" and in "Lost Israelite Identity" that the ancient Israelites were of different physical types. In some Tribes, certain types were more prominent than others. Some of the ancient Israelite Tribes were typically blonde, while others were darker. After exile the majority of Israelites lost their Identity and many of them migrated to the northwest of Europe where climatic and environmental factors caused existing typological tendencies to be emphasized.

The Egyptian illustrations, Midrashic and Biblical indications, the evidence from statues

from all the Israelite-Syrian and Phoenician area all indicate that there were a variety of physical types in the area of Israel in ancient times.

There were periods when Tribal Clans and even families tended to inbreed and this would have heightened physical typological differences even within restricted areas. The different Tribes frowned upon inter-tribal marriage while marriage or coupling with foreigners was forbidden.

On the other hand, there were also periods when the different Tribes intermixed quite promiscuously with the natives around them. Different types of natives result in different types of admixtures. It may therefore be the case that the ancient Israelites from the very beginning were of mixed "racial" type. We have repeatedly stated and also suggested that different "racial" potentials become dominant in the population according to external factors. This opinion of ours regarding external influences appears to be supported by scientific writings on the subject. Carleton Steven Coon (d.1981) noted that certain features such as nose shapes are often similar in different groups of peoples not because they are related to each other but rather because they have to meet the same environmental requirements. Theoretically, for instance, a very black group of people in Africa could have the same type of nose as a yellow-skinned group in Asia thousands of miles away since both groups inhabited similar regions in which the said nose-shape was advantageous. In other respects the two groups would be similar to whatever "race" (e.g. "black" in Africa or "yellow" in Asia) they belonged to.

"Since all of these functions are closely concerned with environmental protection and each geographical race occupies a range of environments, certain parallels may be seen between the populations of most of the human races that occupy similar environments" (*Encyclopedia Britannica*, 1985, volume 18, p.978).

Alan H. Goodman ("Bred In the Bone?" *THE SCIENCES*, March/April, 1997) points out that though forensic scientists claim to be able to determine the racial origin of skeletons, 85% to 90% of the time they are actually very often mistaken! Goodman claims that the statistical rate

of claimed success in determining race by forensic methods only applies to limited areas or is mistaken and may not apply at all! Goodman claims that "distinct racial types have never existed". He points out that skin color gets lighter in the north and darker towards the equator. The lighter skinned people in the north may be of entirely different races. Similarly, the darker skinned may otherwise be classifiable as Negroid, Mongoloid, or Caucasoid (as in India) and apart from skin color have very little "racial" similarity between each other: Goodman quotes a study by Robert A. Hahn in 1976 according to which, "Thirty-seven percent of the babies described as Native Americans on their birth certificates, Hahn discovered, were described as some other race on their death certificates." It should be noted however that Goodman's claims are controversial and **contrary evidence is available**. Groups of people that are physically different from each other on the average can be considered as racially distinct. Nevertheless the opinion of Goodman should also be taken into consideration.

Can Skin Colour Change???:

In *The Tribes* by Yair Davidy, an authority named R.B. Dixon was quoted as discerning (in 1923, based on skeletal evidence) a Negroid admixture amongst Scandinavian people that had become "bleached" by the environment as have all the otherwise physiologically different peoples of that area. R.B. Dixon was a maverick in the scientific world. He tended to take scientific assumptions to their logical conclusion. Even so, many of his insights are potentially important and perhaps should have been examined further. Joseph had an Egyptian wife (Genesis 41;50). His descendants became in many ways the leading Tribes of Israel. Moses took a dark woman to wife: "And Miriam and Aharon spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian [in Hebrew: "Cushit"] woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian ["Cushit"] woman" (Numbers 12;1). God rebuked Miriam and Aaron for criticizing Moses. It is nevertheless interesting to note that Aaron and Miriam were also leaders of the nation. Both had received some degree of prophetic inspiration at one time or other and both

were exceptional personalities. If people of such caliber could err so can others. Racial or tribal prejudice is instinctual. It is part of human nature and also present in animals.

King Solomon also spoke on this matter: "I am black but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.

"Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun has looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; my own vineyard I have not kept" (Song of Solomon 1;5-6).

The whole idea of "dominant" genes is not so absolute. Case histories in the present-day State of Israel are plentiful of blonde-haired blue-eyed Europeans marrying dark-skinned, black-eyed, black-haired people of Oriental appearance. The children when born in many instances have been platinum-blond-haired and blue-eyed. After about 6 months the blue eyes turned to brown, then to deep brown. After about 2 years the blonde hair turns brown then dark. When the children grow they begin to look darker and darker. After growing-up there are cases of the adult moving to cold areas overseas and being obliged to stay indoors much of the time, in a cold area and away from the sun. The skin-color becomes paler and sometimes the hair lighter. In the above case it can be seen that the "dominant" darker genes though active were not in ascendancy all of the time so the question arises as to how "dominant" really are they? Under certain environmental circumstances could not this dominance recede into abeyance? - and vice-versa?? In the above cases the children in Israel were born blond and later turned dark. Would they have done so in Sweden? It has also been claimed that the children of mixed couples or of marginally darkish people when brought up in colder areas of North America are often lighter than their siblings raised in hotter regions.

Another example is that of Black Negroes such as the pop singer Michael Jackson. This singer was once a child movie star and appeared regularly on a television series. As a child, he was a dark-skinned Afro-American of evident Negro origin and as such was seen by millions and still is

"All These Are The Twelve Tribes Of Israel" (Genesis 49;28).

seen as such in those areas where old American TV shows are re-played. All of his brothers and sisters are quite dark. Today, Michael Jackson is pale-skinned though he has dark hair and eyes. He has been taking medical treatment to change his color and to a degree this treatment has worked. Similarly it has been reported that many Negro Africans in France and other areas use certain creams and medical preparations to whiten their skin. Though the said treatments are a health hazard they do work to some degree. It seems that what chemicals can do in a relatively short time in individual cases can also occur naturally over long periods through environmental influences determining what aspects of existing Genetic Potential will be expressed!

Apart from color, there are also head-shapes, body-formations, blood types, DNA, and the rest. These are all informative but the last word has not been said concerning the validity of any of them.

Information and explanation that helps throw some light on this issue is obtainable from the work *Not By Chance!: The Fall Of Neo-Darwinian Theory From An Examination Of Information And Randomness In Evolution*, by Lee M. Spetner, PhD., 1996, Jerusalem, Israel, published by Kest-Lebovits, now re-published by Judaica Press. The author believes that minor changes within species may take place. A certain type of moth, for instance, has changed the proportion of its offspring who are white to black and then back again from black to white according to the advance or retreat of industrialization in rural areas. The only way changes can take place, it is implied, is if the programming for necessary change is already present within the organism. Incidentally this book of Spetner's does a very good job of disproving, or at least casting much doubt on, the Evolutionary Theory.

Spetner does not necessarily agree with our claims, -but his book is full of examples justifying them. For example: "Limbs that protrude from an animal's body have more surface area per unit than the rest of the body. In cold weather the animal loses more heat per unit mass from these limbs than from other parts of the

body. In many species the tails and legs are shorter for those living in colder climates and larger for those in warmer climates. Gulls' wings are shorter in cold climates than in warm. Hares and foxes also have shorter ears in cold climates than in warm. Eskimoes have shorter arms and legs than do people living warmer climates (Collier, et al. 1973). Sumner (1909) found that mice reared at low temperatures had shorter legs and tails than mice reared at a higher temperature (Johnston and Gottlieb 1990)".

One point relating to our present discussion from *Not By Chance!* is "Gloger's rule: "Races of birds or mammals living in cool, dry regions have lighter skins than do races of the same species living in a warm humid area." (E. Schreider in "Ecology," vol.18, 1964). This is true of humans as well. In the same way as the coloring of animals can change so can that of humans.

Note from Yair Davidy:

In the days of early Jewish settlement in "Palestine," in the days of early America, and at the time when white men first began to settle Australia it was reported that a disproportionate number of babies born were blond. This may have been an optical illusion due to wishful thinking. On the other hand coloring and physical type may to a degree be linked with attributes of personality. It might be that though among certain peoples blonds may be "dumb" they also possess qualities needed more by pioneering societies? Communal genetic reaction to external factors can be seen in the fact that after Wars more males than females are born though the usual situation is slightly in the opposite direction!!

In an Appendix to his book, Lee M. Spetner presents a scientific model explaining how necessary genetical changes occur:

A MODEL FOR GENETIC CHANGE

Lee M. Spetner explains the dauer effect

first reported by Victor Jollos in Germany in 1921. The model explained by Lee M. Spetner is consistent with our claims that racial color and racial physical characteristics are an outcome of environment acting on an existing Genetic potential of varying possibility. The said model describes Genetic Switch from one characteristic to another. The model is described roughly below:

*** Genetic Switch: The Model:**

This is very simplified (perhaps overly so) but it does present the principle we need to illustrate.

Suppose that two different alternative genes (A & B) for the same function (e.g., skin color) are present in an organism: Each gene imparts a quality as well as having a depressant component against the other gene. This depressant operates with a delayed reaction.

Say, for example:

1. At first, there is a barrier against A so that only B expresses itself and one of the side-effects of B is to produce a deterrent against A. In other words, the A and B factors are both present but only B reveals itself while A is turned off.

2. Something happens (due to environment in the model of Spetner) and the factor A is triggered off. The barrier is overcome, and A expresses itself at the expense of B. A comes to expression and produces a deterrent against B. No new deterrent is being produced against A. There still however remains deterrent against A due to the former dominance of B in the organism. This deterrent operates with a delayed reaction. At this stage the organism though appearing as A can still revert to B.

If A continues to express itself and to reproduce as A-type, the deterrent remaining from B diminishes while A produces deterrent against B. This continues until A becomes the "true" permanent factor and the organism will reproduce only with A until or unless some other major external influence is interposed. The organism in question has therefore changed almost permanently from type B to type A!! In other words at first there was one dominant factor that was overcome by another one; initially the change

may be temporary and reversible, but eventually it becomes permanent.

This is the model presented by Lee M. Spetner. The model is describing individual genes but genes work in groups and interact with each other. Considering the model on a group level makes it even more realistic. Expanding the model to consider the Genetic Pool of a whole community acting in some way as one co-ordinate organism even further heightens the realism of the model. People react as groups. At certain times the proportions of boys and girls or other differences (such as height) change as if the group as a whole makes a decision in the matter! Another possibility is genetic input from outside having a disproportionate influence in the community due to its greater suitability at the time.

The above model of L.M. Spetner helps explain how 2 groups of people of the same ancestry could vary in some respects (color or what not) if separated for some time and subject to different influences. In our own case (of Israelite Tribes) we are considering groups that were in part different from the VERY BEGINNING and in which different environmental experiences and the addition of some foreign blood ON BOTH SIDES exacerbated the difference that was already there.

Just for the record 50% of the population of Britain are technically of Mediterranean type and 50% are Nordic. In Denmark there is a round-headed darkish type of significant proportion and throughout NorthWest Europe similar points can be made. Types found amongst the Jews are the same as those in most European communities though different in relative proportion. In the present-day State of Israel the physical type changes! Headshapes become longer, children taller, and other permutations have been noticed. Something similar holds concerning migrants to North America.

To re-capitulate on what we have said:

* The ancient Israelites were of mixed physical types.

“All These Are The Twelve Tribes Of Israel” (Genesis 49:28).

* In the North of Israel there was tendency for a blonder type to predominate, in the south a darker one though several types were present in both areas. The different tribes migrated to different areas and intermixed with different peoples, and these influences in some cases served to emphasize existing tendencies. Skin color and "racial" features cannot be used to determine who does not belong to Israel though certain characteristics may be helpful in limited areas in determining migratory paths and ethnic distinctiveness of migrants from their so-called "parent" populations.

* In a Biblical sense all those of Israelite descent may be considered as "chosen" and as such have additional obligations and national potentialities beyond those shared by the rest of mankind. We resent attempts to confuse this matter with racialist notions but we are in favor of the scientific research of "races". This research can help us to some degree but it should never be overemphasized and always approached with much reservation and wariness.

Jeremiah in chapter 31 speaks of the return of "Ephraim" and the Lost Ten Tribes. In Jeremiah 31;1, it says: "At the same time, says the LORD, will I be the God of **all the families of Israel**, and they shall be my people." Note the emphasis on "all the families of Israel". In Biblical times intermarriage with other peoples was forbidden in principle unless the foreigner converted. There was no "color" bar against who could convert and who could not. Color is usually inherited but the possibility exists that it can also genetically develop without intermixture. According to Talmudic tradition for long periods the Tribes did not intermarry much even with each other! This would have lead to distinctive Tribal types. There were advantages and disadvantages to such a situation. I once worked with donkeys and I got the impression that a group of donkeys of one type were racially prejudiced against others! The Tribal instinct is a fact of nature and can be used for good or bad.

Tribal Differences in the Bible?

In the Book of Josua chapter 22 it relates how the Tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Menasseh that dwelt east of the Jordan River set up an altar.

(Josh 22;1) Then Joshua summoned the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh,

(Josh 22;2) and said to them, "You have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I have commanded you;

(Josh 22;3) you have not forsaken your brethren these many days, down to this day, but have been careful to keep the charge of the LORD your God.

(Josh 22;4) And now the LORD your God has given rest to your brethren, as he promised them; therefore turn and go to your home in the land where your possession lies, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side of the Jordan.

(Josh 22;5) Take good care to observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave to him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul."

(Josh 22;6) So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away; and they went to their homes.

(Josh 22;7) Now to the one half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given a possession in Bashan; but to the other half Joshua had given a possession beside their brethren in the land west of the Jordan. And when Joshua sent them away to their homes and blessed them,

The two and half Tribes returned to the lands of their inheritance, which were east of the Jordan River whereas the other tribes at that time dwelt west of the Jordan.

(Josh 22;9) So the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned home, parting from the people of Israel at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, their own land of which they had possessed themselves by command of the LORD through Moses.

(Josh 22;10) And when they came to the region about the Jordan, that lies in the land of Canaan, the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by the Jordan, an altar of great size.

When the rest of the Israelites heard of the altar they thought that the eastern tribes were turning to idolatry. Consequently they got together, raised an army and went up to fight against the Tribes east of the Jordan. Before war was actually began however negotiations took place and the eastern tribes explained that their intentions were not idolatrous;

(Josh 22;21) Then the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh said in answer to the heads of the families of Israel,

(Josh 22;22) "The Mighty One, God, the LORD! The Mighty One, God, the LORD! He knows; and let Israel itself know! If it was in rebellion or in breach of faith toward the LORD, spare us not today

(Josh 22;23) for building an altar to turn away from following the LORD; or if we did so to offer burnt offerings or cereal offerings or peace offerings on it, may the LORD himself take vengeance.

(Josh 22;24) Nay, but we did it from fear that in time to come your children might say to our children, 'What have you to do with the LORD, the God of Israel?

(Josh 22;25) For the LORD has made the Jordan a boundary between you, you Reubenites and Gadites; and us you have no portion in the LORD.' So your children might make our children cease to worship the LORD.

(Josh 22;26) Therefore we said, 'Let us now build an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice,

(Josh 22;27) but to be a witness between us and you, and between the generations after us, that we do perform the service of the LORD in his presence with our burnt offerings and sacrifices and peace offerings; lest your children say to our children in time to come, "You have no portion in the LORD."

(Josh 22;28) And we thought, If this should be said to us or to our descendants in time to come,

we should say, 'Behold the copy of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifice, but to be a witness between us and you.

(Josh 22;29) Far be it from us that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn away this day from following the LORD by building an altar for burnt offering, cereal offering, or sacrifice, other than the altar of the LORD our God that stands before his tabernacle!"

(Josh 22;30) When Phinehas the priest and the chiefs of the congregation, the heads of the families of Israel who were with him, heard the words that the Reubenites and the Gadites and the Manassites spoke, it pleased them well.

(Josh 22;31) And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the Reubenites and the Gadites and the Manassites, "Today we know that the LORD is in the midst of us, because you have not committed this treachery against the LORD; now you have saved the people of Israel from the hand of the LORD."

(Josh 22;32) Then Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the chiefs, returned from the Reubenites and the Gadites in the land of Gilead to the land of Canaan, to the people of Israel, and brought back word to them.

(Josh 22;33) And the report pleased the people of Israel; and the people of Israel blessed God and spoke no more of making war against them, to destroy the land where the Reubenites and the Gadites were settled.

(Josh 22;34) The Reubenites and the Gadites called the altar Witness; "For," said they, "it is a witness between us that the LORD is God."

CONCLUSION

The Tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half-Menasseh were afraid of being disowned by the other tribes.

People who are homogeneous in type do not usually dispossess each other. This suggests that from the very beginning there may have been **physical, tangible distinctions between the tribes.**

The altar the Tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half-Menasseh built was designed to serve as a stone monument for future generations. It was

intended to serve as tangible evidence proving that the original forefathers of these tribes were Israelite. A present day parallel to such a monument could be archaeological evidence such as the path of the dolmens.

Jeremiah 31:21 called upon the exiled Israelites to make “waymarks” and set up “high heaps.” The explanation of Rabbi David Kimchi (1157-1256), the linguistic meaning of the Biblical Hebrew expressions, and archaeological evidence prove that Jeremiah was referring to dolmens and cairns. These form a pathway between the Land of Israel and northwest Europe. Only along that pathway are dolmens of that

specific type found. This was in order that in the future they would know to turn back to their cities in Israel. This has been discussed at length in *Ephraim* (1995) by Yair Davidi, chapter five. What applies to the dolmens is also pertinent to other archaeological evidence linking Western Europe with ancient Israel. This evidence includes that of runic writings found in Britain and Scandinavia. Orjan Svensson has proven that the language of those who inscribed the earliest runes was Hebrew and Aramaic. This will be discussed in next issue of Tribesman. In this issue Orjan discusses parallels in mythology.

Marshall Mannerheim Identified the Finns With Issachar!

In *The Tribes* we identified the Finns of Finland as descendants of Gad, Simeon, and Issachar. If anything the emphasis was placed on Issachar. At that stage we knew that the Finns had had their own tradition that they were descended from Israel and that their history and national character confirmed their Israelite identity. We made specific Tribal identifications according to the names of provinces in Finland and their characteristics. Since then additional information has come to our attention confirming the connection with Issachar.

At the beginning of the Second World War Britain and France stood alone. Russia at first was almost an ally of Germany and had participated in the partition of Poland. It was only in 1941 that Germany attacked Russia. In the meantime Russia took advantage of the Allies preoccupation with Germany and in 1939 attempted a conquest of Finland. The Finns at that time had a population of only four million people yet they successfully defended themselves and defeated Russia. Finland was led by Field Marshall Baron von Carl Gustaf Emil Mannerheim who was of Swedish descent. This person was something of a military genius and a born national leader. The Finnish methods emphasized the

encouragement of the individual and innovation. There was also something miraculous in the nature of their victory. The Germans at first backed Russia. Britain offered to support Finland but the Finns decided not to accept the offer. Germany after invading Russia became the ally for a time of Finland. The Finns resisted efforts by the Germans to make them anti-Semitic. Marshall Mannerheim threatened to turn the Finnish Army against Germany if the Jews of Finland were threatened. Marshall Mannerheim was the leader of Finland at a crucial moment and at a time when the Finns were engaged in a superhuman endeavor to protect themselves. It was a life-and-death struggle for national survival in which the Finnish people proved to themselves and to others who they were. Mannerheim was therefore in a position to appreciate the true Finnish character. He was also acquainted with Finnish traditions and history and with beliefs held then by much of the Finnish population.

At the height of the struggle Mannerheim said to the Finns:

“Sons of Issachar, stand and die, but let only scorched earth fall into the hands of the enemy.”

Major Source: “One of Isaac’s Sons”,
by Richmond Norman Stuart, *The Covenant
Message* –September 1976, Federation of the
Covenant People, Johannesburg, South Africa..

Mythology

THE HEBREW LANGUAGE AND SCANDINAVIAN MYTHOLOGY

From Orjan Svensson

OUR MAN IN SWEDEN

NIGHT AND DAY

The goddess of night in Scandinavian mythology was Natt. She had a son named Dag (which means day). But her father was Noerr, or Nore as it is spelt sometimes. Noerr comes from Hebrew NeR (Nun-Resh= light, candle). If so then the genealogy

Noerr
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Natt
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Dag

is equivalent to

Light
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Night
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Day

MORE PARALLELS

THE FIRST HUMAN BEINGS

According to Old Norse mythology the first human beings were Ask and Embla. Concerning the name Embla I quote from "Northern Antiquities" by Mallet:

"Grimm says the word Embla, emla, Ancient German "emila", signifies a busy woman, from amr, ambr, aml, ambl, assiduos labour..."

In Hebrew there is a similar word AMaL (Ayin-Mem-Lamed) which means labour and toil!

The inserting of a B in the middle undoubtedly is the same phenomenon that for example has happened to the English word dumb (dumber in Old Swedish). This word is derived from the Hebrew "dom" meaning silent.

It is also worth noting that in some dialects "Ask" (the first man) appears close to a form of the Hebrew Ancestral Patriarch ISAAC which is the name whence the word "Scyth" derives.

"AM" in Hebrew means mother. Thus we have the first father possibly named after one of the first Hebrew ancestors and specifically the one with whom the Northern Israelites are equated in the Bible and the first woman (mother of all mankind) being called "MOTHER"!!

THE BIBLICAL CREATION OF THE WORLD AND GIANTS IN OLD NORSE MYTHOLOGY

Two giants in Old Norse mythology were Ymir and Mimir, or Ymer and Mimer as we call them in Sweden.

The legends say that of Ymir's body the earth was formed. His blood became oceans and so forth. The name of Ymir is said to mean approximately "sound" or "confused noise", and it is believed to be related to the Norwegian word YMT meaning speech, talk, rumor, hint or intimation. Ymir therefore is also related to the Hebrew word EMeR which means saying, word, utterance etc.

In Rabbinical Commentaries much emphasis is put on the fact that God created the world ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE through speech, through His AMAR, His speaking. This compares with the Scandinavians saying that the world was created through the body of Ymir which sounds similar to the Hebrew "AMAR" and whose very name means "sound" which carries the same significance (concerning the Almighty) as "speaking."

Mimir, also known as Mim, was considered to be the wisest of the gods of the tribe of Aesir. Apart from that he was also believed to be a water spirit. (Consult for example Encyclopedia Britannica vol. 8, p. 146, 1995 edition.) The name of Mimir is believed to mean the purling, murmuring or rippling one. According to one story Mimir resided by a well that was known as the well of Mimir or Mim. This makes me consider the possibility that the name of Mimir may have come from the Hebrew word MaIM since this word means water in Hebrew.

THE REALM OF THE DEAD IN OLD SCANDINAVIAN MYTHOLOGY

In Old Scandinavian mythology the giantess Hel was ruler in the realm of the dead. Hel is the source of the word HELL and I believe that it corresponds to SHEOL in Hebrew meaning the place of the dead. I've seen many cases where an 'SH' becomes 'H' thus "Sheol" becomes "Hell" and the Hebrew "Sh" is converted to "H".

Hel (say the Scandinavians) had been cast down to Nifelheim (the kingdom of coldness) by Odin, and there she ruled over nine worlds. The people who had died and thus come to Nifelheim were primarily those who had died because of old age or sickness. The Vikings preferred to die in battle. Both those in Nifelheim as well as those who died in battle could die what was called "the second death". Those who died the second death came to Nifelhel, which was situated below Hel, and further to seven other unknown underground worlds. I hereby suggest that the word Nifel which occurs in Nifelheim and Nifelhel may mean falling and be the same word as the Hebrew word NaFaL which means to fall, because these were kingdoms in "hell" into which persons "fell" at death.

In Hebrew the word "Niphel" came to denote giant but the "Niphelim" or giants also became linked in Jewish mythology with ghosts and world of the dead. A connected word is "Niphal" which means an aborted fetus.

In Scandinavian myths, Nifelheim is a cold place. The ship of death was however owned by Muspell, a cosmic fire-giant in the world of fire that was known as Muspellsheim. Muspell or "muspille" as it was known in Old High German generally represents the powers of doom and end-of-the-world in Germanic myth. Muspell therefore maybe is related to the Hebrew word for judgement "MiSHPaT".

THE HOLY RIVER OF LEIPT AND ITS HEBREW ORIGIN

Leipt was the name of a holy river in Old Scandinavian mythology. The word Leipt meant "flashing" (of lightning) in Old Scandinavian. It could therefore be related to the Hebrew word LaPID meaning "flaming torch".

THE GOD TYR

The god Tyr in Scandinavian mythology is identical to the Germanic Tuisto (also known as Tiwaz) who according to Tacitus was the most

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most ancient of the Germanic gods. According to "Fornordiskt lexikon" by.ke Ohlmarks the name Tuisto means "The twofold." Further he says that Tuisto got his name because of Tyr's two hands which usually are raised in pictures of Tyr, Since Tuisto and Tyr most probably are identical, then the name Tyr probably means "Twofold" analogously to the name Tuisto. This possibility is considerably strengthened by the fact that according to one of my dictionaries the word TYaRa' (T-Y-R-A) meant "pair" in post-biblical Jewish Aramaic! We can therefore conclude that the name of the ancient Scandinavian god Tyr originally was an Aramaic name which meant "two" or "twofold", identical in meaning to the Germanic Tuisto!!*

"SHUNI" THE SON OF GAD HAS A NAME MEANING "QUIET" AND "PEACEFUL" IN OLD SCANDINAVIAN AND IN HEBREW!!

In *The Tribes* it was demonstrated how most of the Swedes descend from Gad and how the Svea who were one of the major peoples who settled in Sweden were also known as "Suioni". This name "Suioni" is a form of Shuni, which was one of the clans of Gad. According to one of my Hebrew-English dictionaries the Hebrew proper name SHUNI (SHin-Vav-Nun-Yod) (a son of Gad, see Gen. 46:16) has the etymological meaning "quiet". This name resembles the Swedish proper name Sune, earlier spelt Suni (some of the male Vikings also had that name). Suni in Old Scandinavian meant both "son" and "peacemaker". Maybe it could also be said to mean "peaceful man". Thus we possibly have SHUNI = "quiet" in Hebrew and SUNI = "peaceful" in Old Scandinavian, i.e. in effect, they both have the same meaning!! Some Israelite Tribes pronounced "sh" as "s," -for instance, the Tribe of Ephraim said "Siboleth" instead of "shiboleth" (Judges 12;6).

ERMANARIK THE MIGHTY

The word IRMIN meant "mighty" in Old Scandinavian. It is synonymous to the word HEID. Thus the mightiest king of the kingdom of the Goths was known both as Heidrek and as Ermanarik, both words connoting "mighty". I hereby suggest that the Old Scandinavian words IRMIN and HEID could have come from the Hebrew ARMON and HOD respectively, because ARMON means "palace" and is so called from being lofty (from the root ROM or RAM) according to my dictionary and HOD means "majesty" and since the Hebrew vowels are fluid, could have lent itself to a pronunciation similar to "Heid".

ASHER AND GAD: SWEDEN AND SCOTLAND

In "The Tribes" by Yair Davidy it is demonstrated how Sweden was dominated by descendants of the Tribe of Gad while Scotland and Northern England received many from Asher and indeed Scotland appears to be the land allocated to Asher: Asher and Gad were full-brother sons of Jacob by his concubine Zilpa and these were the only two sons Zilpa had. The following extract shows the presence of Scottish settlers in Sweden performing a positive and naturally fraternal role and "both Asher and Gad were sons of Silpa".

Here's a quote from the book *Scots in Sweden* (from the Preface by Gusta Berg.):

☆ **Editor's Note:** Tuisto was the father of Mannus identified by us as Menasseh. The raising of two hands in Hebrew tradition symbolizes blessing .Jacob blessed the two sons of Joseph Ephraim and Menasseh. We believe there is a connection.

"With none of the small nations of Europe, outside Scandinavia, has Sweden maintained such intimate connections through the years as with Scotland. Only France can compete with Sweden as to the number of enterprising Scots who have immigrated into the country.

"The ability to adapt shown by these men, and their skill and character, enabled them to function as leaders, in some cases pioneers, in different sectors of Swedish life. They served as officers in the armies with which Sweden defended its newly won status as a great power in the different theatres of war on the Continent, and they worked as merchants and captains of industry, above all in Gothenburg on the Swedish West Coast. They introduced new and more efficient methods of agriculture, and in the 19th century they played a leading role in achieving freedom of religion. Scotland has been the giver and Sweden the receiver, and we have every reason to be deeply grateful to a country that has supplied us with so much skill, enterprise and devoted energy.

Remember: You saw it first in Tribesman!

Bible Study:

CUSH AND ISRAEL

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE LOST TRIBES, INDIA, EGYPT, AND THE NEGROES IN AMERICA.

New Proof of "Brit-Am Israel" Identity.

We identify the Lost Ten Tribes with peoples of west European descent. Amongst these peoples the nations of Britain and the USA have historically been predominant. The Tribes of Ephraim and Menasseh, who were the sons of Joseph, dominate these entities. In the past justification for these identifications have been based on historical evidence or on Biblical passages concerning the blessings and predicted geographical location of the exiles in the Last days. The following article explores the possibility that important historical phenomena involving the USA and Britain were also indicated in prophecy. Did the prophet Isaiah foretell that Britain would rule Egypt and India and that the USA import Negro slaves? For better or for worse the British rule of India and the presence of Negroes in America greatly influenced the national character of both countries. When Britain was at its peak the economic benefits accruing from India (which then included Pakistan) helped fund the Empire and influenced the British Imperial character. The passage to India was via Egypt and the Suez Canal. In the Second World War Churchill told President Roosevelt that if the British lose the Middle East it could be fatal to the British position. The presence of Negro slaves in the USA was the open cause of the Civil War and helped crystallize the American nation. American speech, attitudes, culture, and ethnic composition have also been influenced by the Negro presence.

“Surely the LORD God will do nothing but he reveals his secret unto his servants the prophets” (Amos 3;7). Isaiah appears to say that

the descendants of Israel will benefit from control of the merchandise of Cush meaning India and also take large Sabaeans (meaning Negroes) in chains across the sea. There are not that many single ethnic units that have both ruled Egypt and India and engaged in the large-scale transportation of Negro slaves. The British and Americans are basically one ethnic unit. If we are right in our interpretation then we have further proof that the British and Americans comprise the leading element amongst the Lost Tribes of Israel.

Background

In the period from around 735 to 720 b.c.e. Assyria exiled the northern ten tribes. Most of the tribes of Judah, Benjamin, and Levi in the southern kingdom of Judah (centered on Jerusalem) were not exiled by Assyria. Eventually Assyria was defeated around 614 b.c.e. by the Scythians and their allies the Medes and Babylonians. The Scythians were basically Israelite exiles. They were betrayed by the Medes and expelled from the Middle East. The Medes and Babylonians then divided the former Assyrian Empire between them. The Babylonians attacked Judah and in 586 b.c.e. destroyed the First Temple and exiled the inhabitants of Judah to Babylon. One of the nations ruled over by the Medes were the Persians who later managed to gain control over the whole kingdom. The Persians then conquered Babylon and under Cyrus permitted the exiles of Judah to return and rebuild the Temple and Jerusalem.

Was Cyrus an Israelite?

Cyrus was the ruler of Persia. He belonged to the Pasargadae who were a small clan that had gained control of Persia. One explanation of the

name Pasargadae is "Pasar-Gadae" which in the Aramaic dialect of that time meant "Sons-of-Gad," (Le Comte de GOBINEAU. "Histoire Des Perses", Paris 1869). Groups from the Israelite tribe of Gad were scattered through Persia as well as being prominent amongst the Gutae (Goths) who at that stages were on the northern borders of Persia. It is therefore more than likely that the Pasargadae were Pasar-Gadae and at least in part originally derived

from Gad. It may be therefore that Cyrus was of Israelite descent.

Isaiah in chapters 43, 44, and 45 spoke of Cyrus and of Israel and of Cush, Egypt, and Saba. It is often conventionally accepted to assume that on the whole the verse is referring to Cyrus. This is not so. The verses may be applicable to a degree to Cyrus but he was not the primary motif intended. In order to prove the point we will quote and discuss the relevant Scriptures.

What Does the Bible Say?

Isaiah in chapters 43,44, and 45 speaks of Cush and Saba and of Cyrus and of Israel. These chapters are essential for our study and are therefore quoted below.

The following passages are derived from chapters 43,44, and 45 of Isaiah according to the King James Version. The English has been modernized. Please note in the King James the Hebrew word "Cush" is translated as "Ethiopia" but we have rendered it as "Cush" as in the original. After some of the verses we have commented in the framed text in boxes:

Isaiah chapter 42 speaks of Israel, and the Isles, and Kedar (North America see *Ephraim* chapter three), and a covenant of the people, i.e. a "Brit-Am" in Hebrew, the ends of the earth, seafarers, and so on. All of these in our other works we have shown to refer to the Lost Ten Tribes. Most of Isaiah chapter 43 follows below:

(Isa 43:1) But now so says the LORD that created you, O Jacob, and he that formed you, **O Israel**, Fear not; for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; you are mine.

Here "Jacob" meaning Israel is being addressed.

(Isa 43:2) When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you; when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon you.

(Isa 43:3) **For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba for you.**

Egypt, Cush and Saba are being given for you or in Hebrew ("tachtech") placed underneath you.

(Isa 43:4) Since you were precious in my sight, you have been honorable, and I have loved you; therefore will I give men for you, and people for your life.

(Isa 43:5) Fear not; for I am with you; I will bring your seed from the east, and gather you from the west;

(Isa 43:6) I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back; bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

Seed (offspring) from north, south, west, and east means the seed of Israel. The above verses are referring to the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel at the "ends of the earth." Isaiah above mentions "Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba" in connection with Israel.

(Isa 43:7) Even every one that is called by my name; for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

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(Isa 43;8) Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.

(Isa 43;9) Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled; who among them can declare this, and show us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified; or let them hear, and say, It is truth.

(Isa 43;10) You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen; that you may know and believe me, and understand that I am he; Before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

(Isa 43;11) I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no savior.

(Isa 43;12) I have declared, and have saved, and I have showed, when there was no strange god among you; therefore you are my witnesses, says the LORD, that I am God.

(Isa 43;13) Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand; I will work, and who shall let it?

(Isa 43;14) Thus says the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.

(Isa 43;15) I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

(Isa 43;16) Thus says the LORD, which makes a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;

(Isa 43;17) Which brings forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise; they are extinct, they are quenched as tow.

The Prophet seems to be speaking above of the splitting of the Red Sea when the Israelites came out of Egypt. In the following verse below he foresees even greater miracles that will occur in the future. This illustrates the whole tone of these prophecies. They are not tied to one specific period but flit back and forth over the span of history.

(Isa 43;18) Remember you not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

(Isa 43;19) Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

(Isa 43;20) The beast of the field shall honor me, the dragons and the owls; because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

(Isa 43;21) This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise.

The above verses are not clear but the indications are that a future time is spoken of and events that have not yet occurred. At all events it is not referring to Cyrus. It is speaking of Israel!

(Isa 43;22) But you have not called upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel.

(Isa 43;23) You have not brought me the small cattle of your burnt offerings; neither have you honored me with your sacrifices. I have not caused you to serve with an offering, nor wearied you with incense.

(Isa 43;24) You have bought me no sweet cane with money, neither have you filled me with the fat of your sacrifices; but you have made me to serve with your sins, you have wearied me with your iniquities.

(Isa 43;25) I, even I, am he that blots out your transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember your sins.

(Isa 43;26) Put me in remembrance; let us plead together; declare you, that you may be justified.

(Isa 43;27) Your first father has sinned, and your teachers have transgressed against me.

(Isa 43;28) Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.

Over and over again., the prophet is referring to Israel. The above mention of Egypt, (Isaiah 43;3) Saba, and Cush was also to Israel.

(Isa 44;1) Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen;

(Isa 44;2) Thus says the LORD that made you, and formed you from the womb, which will help you; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and you, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

(Isa 44;3) For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon your seed, and my blessing upon your offspring;

(Isa 44;4) And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

(Isa 44;5) One shall say, I am the LORD's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and **surname himself by the name of Israel.**

Here, Isaiah predicts that towards the Last Days many will re-identify themselves as descendants of Israel. This is an important point.

(Isa 44;6) Thus says the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

(Isa 44;7) And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them show unto them.

(Isa 44;8) Fear you not, neither be afraid; have not I told you from that time, and have declared it? you are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.

The point that the future is being prophesied is emphasized. It is a future that only towards the end times will people be able to look back and see how it was fulfilled. This can now be done in part , but until recently it could not.

(Isa 44;9) They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed.

(Isa 44;10) Who has formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing?

(Isa 44;11) Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed; and the workmen, they are of men; let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together.

Isaiah is peaking of and to Israel and referring to Idolatry in the Latter Days. This is pertinent to the Lost Tribes as we have shown.

(Isa 44;12) The smith with the tongs both works in the coals, and fashions it with hammers, and works it with the strength of his arms; yea, he is hungry, and his strength fails; he drinks no water, and is faint.

This is an important health injunction. It is important to drink regularly, especially water and especially during and after exertion.. This cannot be overemphasized.

(Isa 44;13) The carpenter stretches out his rule; he marks it out with a line; he fits it with planes, and he marks it out with the compass, and makes it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house.

(Isa 44;14) He hews him down cedars, and takes the cypress and the oak, which he strengthens for himself among the trees of the forest; he plants an ash, and the rain does nourish it.

(Isa 44;15) Then shall it be for a man to burn; for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindles it, and bakes bread; yea, he makes a god, and worships it; he makes it a graven image, and falls down thereto.

(Isa 44;16) He burns part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eats flesh; he roasts a roast, and is satisfied; yea, he warms himself, and says, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire;

(Isa 44;17) And the residue thereof he makes a god, even his graven image; he falls down unto it, and worships it, and prays unto it, and says, Deliver me; for you are my god.

(Isa 44;18) They have not known nor understood; for he has shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand.

(Isa 44;19) And none considers in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it; and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?

(Isa 44;20) He feeds on ashes; a deceived heart has turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?

(Isa 44;21) Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for you are my servant; I have formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you shall not be forgotten of me.

Note again that he is referring to Israel throughout, at least up to now.

(Isa 44;22) I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, your transgressions, and, as a cloud, your sins; return unto me; for I have redeemed you.

(Isa 44;23) Sing, O you heavens; for the LORD has done it; shout, you lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest, and every tree therein; for the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

(Isa 44;24) Thus says the LORD, your redeemer, and he that formed you from the womb, I am the LORD that makes all things; that stretches forth the heavens alone; that spreads abroad the earth by myself;

(Isa 44;25) That frustrates the tokens of the liars, and makes diviners mad; that turns wise men backward, and makes their knowledge foolish;

(Isa 44;26) That confirms the word of his servant, and performs the counsel of his messengers; that says to Jerusalem, You shall be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, You shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof;

Here it is prophesied that Jerusalem will be rebuilt as indeed it was after the edict of Cyrus. The verse may nevertheless be understood as referring to the rebuilding of Jerusalem in general and in the future. The connection with Cyrus is therefore taken as an illustrative example or forerunner of what will happen in times to come.

(Isa 44;27) That says to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up your rivers;

(Isa 44:28) That says of **Cyrus**, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure; even saying to Jerusalem, You shall be built; and to the temple, Your foundation shall be laid.

(Isa 45:1) Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to **Cyrus**, whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the doubled gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

Isaiah 45:1 speaks of Cyrus. From 45:1 onwards to 45:13 the verses may be understood as speaking of Cyrus or as being addressed to him. Even in this case it is not entirely clear as to what extent the historical Cyrus is intended as compared with the figure or entity that Cyrus represents in the Prophetic vision. To a degree it may even be said that Cyrus himself represents the Lost Ten Tribes in their state of exile prior to their final redemption..

(Isa 45:2) I will go before you, and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron;

(Isa 45:3) And I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the LORD, which call you by your name, am the God of Israel.

(Isa 45:4) For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called you by your name; I have surnamed you, though you have not known me.

He is the God of Israel and he is empowering Cyrus or what Cyrus represents for "Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect."

(Isa 45:5) I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me; I girded you, though you have not known me;

(Isa 45:6) That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.

(Isa 45:7) I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil; I the LORD do all these things.

(Isa 45:8) Drop down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it.

(Isa 45:9) Woe unto him that strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashions it, What make you? or your work, He has no hands?

(Isa 45:10) Woe unto him that says unto his father, What begets you? or to the woman, What have you brought forth?

(Isa 45:11) Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command you me.

He says to ask him concerning "his sons." These are the Israelites and Judah.

(Isa 45:12) I have made the earth, and created man upon it; I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

(Isa 45:13) I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways; he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, says the LORD of hosts.

Cyrus did give directions to rebuild Jerusalem and a start to building was made in his time. Also a small number of the captives did return to Jerusalem in the time of Cyrus and this

was a beginning though most of those who returned came later. Prophecy was primarily intended for the Latter Days. In view of this and of the nature of the Prophecy of Isaiah the reference to Cyrus may still be regarded as only a forerunner, a preceding shadow as it were of things to come. At all events, read on and the subject should become more explicit.

(Isa 45:14) **Thus says the LORD, The labor of Egypt, and merchandise of Cush and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto you, and they shall be yours; they shall come after you; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto you, they shall make supplication unto you, saying, Surely God is in you; and there is none else, there is no other God.**

The above verse is the most important one for the sake of our discussion. Already according to the simple reading of the text it may be seen that the Prophet is discussing the fate of Israel. He may be understood as referring to the distant future, yet taking the case of Cyrus as an analogy of what will come much later. *In verse 45:1 Cyrus was mentioned and all of the verses after that leading up to here may be understood as referring to Cyrus but not necessarily in an exclusive sense. From the following verse (Isaiah 45:15) onwards Israel is explicitly referred to.* We will return to this point. **Isaiah 45:14 that speaks of Egypt, Cush, and the Sabaeans is between a section that talks at least partially about Cyrus and another section that talks exclusively about Israel.**

The person or people referred to were to receive, **“The labor of Egypt, and merchandise of Cush and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto you, and they shall be your; they shall come after you; in chains they shall come over.”** We already saw above (Isaiah 43:3) concerning Israel that **“Egypt (will be) for your ransom, Cush and Seba for (placed underneath) you.”** (Isa 45:14). Again, **“The labor of Egypt, and merchandise of Cush and of the Sabeans” (Isaiah 43:14) is given to either Cyrus**

or Israel (or both at different stages) The end of the verse however says, **“They shall fall down unto you, they shall make supplication unto you, saying, Surely God is in you; and there is none else, there is no God”** (Isa 45:14).. This can only be referring to Israel (or Judah) at some point in its history.

(Isa 45:15) Verily you are a God that hides yourself, O God of Israel, the Savior.

(Isa 45:16) They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them; they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols.

(Isa 45:17) But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation; you shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

He has now already returned in full strength to delivering his address on the subject of Israel.

(Isa 45:18) For thus says the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he has established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited; I am the LORD; and there is none else.

(Isa 45:19) I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth; I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek you me in vain; I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

(Isa 45:20) Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you that are escaped of the nations; they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.

In our book Ephraim we explained at length our belief that the above verse is referring to mainstream Christians. We took it as proof that in the Last Days many of the descendants of Israel would be Christian. A lot of people were offended by this position of ours. At all events the verse

appears to be describing something that will take place in the Latter Days.

(Isa 45:21) Tell you, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together; who has declared this from ancient time? who has

told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Savior; there is none beside me.

(Isa 45:22) Look unto me, and be you saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else.

(Isa 45:23) I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

(Isa 45:24) Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength; even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

(Isa 45:25) In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

MORE CONSIDERATIONS AND PROOF OF ISRAELITE IDENTITY

The above verses may be considered to be ambiguous but we believe that our understanding of them fits them better than other explanations. The Prophet was seeing the development of historical processes and precedents connected with his theme. He saw the intermediate partial liberation for part of Israel under the Persian King Cyrus. He also saw the future development of Israel and events leading up to the Last Days. He saw all this -as if to say in one sweep- and also the intrinsic connection in the essence of events. He therefore spoke of it all in one breath though several layers of chronological applicability may be discerned. This will become clearer as we discuss the opinions of others on these verses.

CYRUS

The Prophet Isaiah had already predicted that a ruler named Cyrus would be the one to free the exiles. Cyrus was recalled by NAME in Isaiah 44: 28, "To his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held..." and in the next verse, 45; 1: "That says of Cyrus, He is my shepherd..."

Both traditional and modern commentators usually understand Isaiah chapter 45 to be referring to Cyrus the King of Persia. Cyrus was the King of Persia who conquered Babylon and enabled the Jews to return to Judea and rebuild the Temple.

Isaiah prophesied about 100 years before Cyrus. Josephus relates that CYRUS was shown his name written in the Prophecy of Isaiah and this is what led him to allow the Jews to return. Not only did Cyrus conquer Babylon and help the Jews return to their land, he also conquered Egypt and ruled over Nubia south of Egypt. Nubia was known as Cush. Cyrus also ruled over regions to the west of India and parts of Pakistan-India itself. The following verse in Isaiah can therefore be applied perhaps to Cyrus:

"Thus says the LORD, the labor of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia [in Hebrew: CUSH], and of the Sabaeans, men of stature, shall come over unto you, and they shall be yours: they shall come after you; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto you, they shall make supplication unto you, saying, Surely God is in you; and there is no else, there is no other God" (Isaiah 45;14).

We, however, believe this verse is not addressed primarily to Cyrus but to the Ten Tribes in Exile. Some proof of this has already been indicated: Concerning the idea of Cyrus, the following points should be noted:

"All These Are The Twelve Tribes Of Israel" (Genesis 49;28).

There is a principle that Prophecies that were written down, even when they were fulfilled shortly afterwards, will have a larger application in a later period especially towards the Latter Days. Even the Commentators who apply all of the chapter to Cyrus have to admit that it does not exactly fit in key details. It must have a wider application.

Even in the verses where the name CYRUS is expressly mentioned, the sages understood the verse as applying to Cyrus only in a PARTIAL SENSE: For example,

"The Holy One, Blessed He, said to the Anointed-Messiah, I have a complaint against Cyrus, I said he will build my House and gather in my exiles but he went and said, Whoever amongst my people wants to go up can do so [and build the House themselves]..." (Megilla 12; Rashi), i.e. the expression in the verse Isaiah 45:1: "...to his anointed, to Cyrus," was understood as applying to two different people, to the Anointed-Messiah and to Cyrus! Alternately the verse was formulated in deliberately ambiguous language giving Cyrus the potential if he so wanted to have done more than he actually did!

The Commentary *Daat Sofrim* (Isaiah 45): <<For the address to Cyrus was not "To Cyrus his Anointed-Messiah" but rather it was said, "To his Anointed-Messiah, to Cyrus," as if to two different entities.>>

The whole of this Prophecy of Isaiah is arranged in an oracular style of mainly short paragraphs with no necessary strong connection between them. The expression concerning "labor of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia [in Hebrew, CUSH], and of the Sabaeans" is not necessarily connected to the preceding verses concerning Cyrus. The following verses return to speak only of Israel. The verse itself speaks of an ultimate acknowledgement of the God of Israel by the captives. This could only apply to Israel. Before, Cyrus is spoken of, and afterwards Israel is mentioned. In Isaiah 43:3 it says "For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior, I gave Egypt for your atonement, Ethiopia [Hebrew, CUSH] and Seba underneath you." Here Egypt, Cush, Seba are linked with Israel and can be

understood in the Hebrew as being placed under Israel's subjection!!!

A simple reading of the chapter does not leave much room for Cyrus, the emphasis is on Israel.

This is the verse we are primarily considering:

"Thus says the LORD, the labor of Egypt, and merchandise of Cush, and of the Sabaeans, men of stature, shall come over unto you, and they shall be yours: they shall come after you; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto you, they shall make supplication unto you, saying, Surely God is in you; and there is no else, there is no other God" (Isaiah 45;14).

One may take this verse as perhaps applying to Cyrus though there is no necessity to do so. Even if it is taken as applicable in part to CYRUS the context and the similar verse in Isaiah 43:3 concerning Israel says, "Egypt for your atonement, CUSH and Seba underneath you." This shows that the primary application is to Israel. In all the rest of chapter 45 following verse 14, Israel is addressed to and mentioned: "Israel shall be saved" (45;17) "the seed of Jacob" (45; 19), "all the seed of Israel" (45;24). You may yet not be convinced but take the verse as applying to Israel and consider our explanation:

According to our understanding of the Prophet Isaiah (43;3 and 45;14 and the verses around them)[©] it was predicted that the Lost Ten

© If you have an English Bible and you open it up at the verses quoted here from Isaiah chapter 45 you will not see the verses in the same way as I am about to explain them to you. You will see a chapter heading and all verses in that chapter arranged in one sequence. In the Hebrew Bible chapters 44 and 45 are one entity and are connected with the sequences before and after them. Chapters 44 and 45 themselves consist of a number of distinct paragraphs. The connection between each paragraph is not necessarily a strong

Tribes would rule over India, Egypt and much of Negro Africa. The trade with India would be theirs, the recompense arriving (via the Suez Canal) at Egypt would be theirs, and they would transport Negroes (many of whom were large-bodied) across the seas in chains. The whole passage ends on the point that in the Last Days they will return to worship the True God. In their own way they had always subconsciously acknowledged the One God Of Israel to some degree, but had publicly worshipped something else as explained at length in "Ephraim". In the Last days Israel will then worship the True God and descendants of the Negro slaves will also see the truth and bear witness to the God of Israel. We identify the Lost Ten Tribes headed by Britain and America as Israel. If we consider Britain and North America as one "Anglo-Saxon" entity then the Prophecy indicates that the Lost Ten Tribes are amongst them. The British ruled India. Economically they gained very much from trade with India, they ruled Egypt and controlled the Suez Canal linking the Mediterranean Sea with the East. They also controlled much of Africa and Negro Slaves in chains were sent by them and others acting on their behalf across the Sea to North America and to the West Indies. They have an ambivalent attitude towards the God of the Bible but formally worship in a way described in Isaiah in the rest of chapter 45 and explained in *Ephraim*.

This is the simple meaning of the verse, BUT in order to understand and appreciate this plain meaning there are several other factors to consider.

one. If you have a Hebrew bible and read the Commentaries some aspects of what I say will begin to make sense to you. If you read this article through you will see we use a convoluted method and have recourse to what seems a jumble of Commentators and commonplace facts. Even so, all things considered our findings in the last analysis are true ones, they reveal the simple meaning of the verse, and are most consistent with all known pertinent information on the subject spoken of.

The King James version says:

"Thus says the LORD, the labor of Egypt, and merchandise of Cush, and of the Sabaeans, men of stature, shall come over unto you, and they shall be yours: they shall come after you; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto you, they shall make supplication unto you, saying, Surely God is in you; and there is none else, there is no other God" (Isaiah 45;14).

The expression "labor of Egypt" is an accurate translation but the words in Hebrew [yagiath Mitsraim] can also be rendered as "that which comes unto Egypt".

The "merchandise of Ethiopia" can also be rendered as the "merchandise of Cush". "Cush" is the Hebrew word translated as Ethiopia. "Cush" was also the Egyptian word for the region of Nubia meaning southern Egypt and the Sudan. The Greeks applied the name "Cush" to the whole of eastern Africa¹. On the other hand, ethnic and geographical names such as "Kash" or "Kas" or "Kush" are also found throughout early Indian histories as well as in neighboring areas. In modern Hebrew "Cushi" usually means a Negro of African origin and India is known as "Hodu". In Biblical Hebrew however there is no distinct name for India. Both Ethiopia and neighboring parts of Africa and India would have been referred to in Biblical Hebrew as CUSH. The ancient Sumerians and Assyrians used the same term ("Meluccha") both for Ethiopia and for northwest India. Classical Greek Geographers (such as Herodotos) referred to the area northwest of India as the "Ethiopia of Asia".

The Aramaic Translations to the Bible often translate "Cush" as "Hodu" or "Hindiki" both of which mean India. The famous commentator Rashi also equated "CUSH" with India. There was a close connection between India, Ethiopia, and Africa. The Rabbinical Commentator and international traveler Avraham Iben Ezra noted a similarity between Ancient Egypt and India with a similar caste systems, sacred animals and so on. The verse in Isaiah may therefore be referring to India under the name Cush.

"All These Are The Twelve Tribes Of Israel" (Genesis 49;28).

RACE: India, Egypt, and Africa

Racially, in India, there are two main groups of people, a light-skinned one and a dark-skinned one.

1. The dark-skinned peoples were the earliest element. They are not Negroes, but Negroid types exist amongst some tribes and physiologically they show similarities to African people. The Dravidians belong to this group and they once possessed a highly advanced civilization.

2. The white-skinned peoples are a mixture of races. They speak an Indo-European language related to the tongues of Europe. Nowadays, racial connections are judged according to DNA tests and a combination of changing parameters. In the past skull-shapes (craniology) were compared. Skull measurements were fairly reliable in static situations but there were problems since in some cases the skull-shape could change due to geographical influences. An alternate method measured (instead of skull-shape) the relative positions of insertion of veins, etc., on the skull. It was thought that this method would measure differentiation that was less liable to change due to environment. The method was abandoned apparently because it was too complicated and also because the results may have been difficult to accept. One of the controversial results of this method indicated a strong similarity between the ancient Egyptians and the WHITE peoples of northwest India. This result was opposed to conventional racial assumptions based on linguistics and other factors. The result however is consistent with the idea that India belongs to Cush and both Cush and Egypt (Mitsraim) descend from Ham (Genesis 10;6)!

CUSH IN ANCIENT TIMES

The ancient kingdom of Cush was centered around its capital Meroe in present-day Sudan (Nubia). They had come to Meroe from further North. They have left behind them pyramids and statues in Egyptian style. They depicted themselves and were represented by the Egyptians as a dark Negroid people. Ancient statues of their rulers show faces that have been deliberately slashed in patterns still found on the faces of people in that area today. At least at one stage the rulers of Cush

ruled over Egypt and at other times they were very influential in Ancient Egyptian life and politics. These were an advanced people and exhibited military prowess. In the Hindu Kush area (on the border of Pakistan and Afghanistan) exists a language called Khajuna or Khaza'a, the speakers of which were called Khasioi: by Ptolemy. From Cush (Nubia-Meroe) in Africa through Elam (southern Persia), Central Asia, and into India there are found peoples and areas named after Cush. Some of this evidence was discussed in "The Tribes."

ISRAELITES IN CUSH EAST OF THE CASPIAN SEA

Isaiah 11;11 speaks of "Cush" as a place of exile and Zephaniah 3;10 indicates that Israelites were dispersed to "beyond the rivers of Cush." In these cases by "Cush" the region of Central Asia east of the Caspian Sea is intended. This was an area of Israelite Exile and the Sacae-Scythian ancestors of west Europeans dwelt here. As recorded in the 1st issue of *Tribesman* Frisian legends say that "Friso, Bruno, and Saxo with their wives, children, and relatives fled out of the country [of Israel]", prior to the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnessar, "encouraged to do so by announcements of the Prophets, concerning the fall of the town." We analyzed this legend and showed how it took for granted that Friso, Bruno, and Saxo were Israelites. In these legends Friso, Bruno, and Saxo represent the Fisians, Anglians, and Saxons. The legends say that they went to "India" but from the context and other geographical indications (such as "Emodian Mountains) it is clear that by "India" the region east of the Caspian is intended. The usages of the term "India" was therefore the same as that of the name "Cush" and could be applied to India itself or to the area west of it in Central Asia. Archaeological and other evidence confirms that fact that the ancestors of the Angles, Saxons, Frisians, Scandinavians, and others did (at least in part) sojourn at one stage east of the Caspian Sea and they were descended from Israelites. As mentioned both the Prophets Isaiah and Zephaniah identify "Cush" as a place of Israelite exile and they were referring to the region east of the Caspian. This area encompasses and adjoins "Hara" which was

one of the places to which the Assyrians exiled Israelites (1-Chronicles 5;26). In addition after the Medes and Babylonians overthrew the Israelite-Scythians many more of them moved into the "Cush" Central Asian area.

CUSH "ALL OVER"

An American researcher named C.A. Winters has revealed linguistic links between Cush (Meroe) in Africa and Kushan (Kushan) entities in Central Asia east of the Caspian Sea and bordering on India. He has proposed what he calls "The Kushana Hypothesis" based on the following evidence (adapted from extracts of his own words):

<<1) No African language has been found to be a cognate language of Meroitic. Not even Nubian, a language spoken by a people who lived in the Meroitic empire, [is cognate to] Meroitic. This made it clear that we must look elsewhere for the cognate language spoken by the Meroites.

2) Classical literature says that the Kushites lived in Asia and Africa. This information was supported by the presence of similar toponyms, and ethnonyms in Asia and Africa. The recognition that there was abundant evidence of two Kushite Empires confirmed the claims of the Classical literature that the Kushites lived in both Asia and Africa. The most surprising discovery during the study of the literature concerning Indian nations, was that a people called Kushana, had formerly ruled much of India and Central Asia. This was surprising because their ethnonym was almost identical to the ethnonym of the Meroites.

3) Classical literature said that a large number of Meroite intellectuals had come from India and followed Indian philosophical traditions. Flavius Philostratus, the writer of the <Vita Apollonii>, Vol. 1, claimed that the Gymnosophists of Meroe originally came from India [see F.C. Conybeare, <Philostratus: The Life of Apollonius of Tyana> (p.45), 1950]. Confirmation of the Gymnosophist hypothesis led to the development of two new hypotheses a) the Gymnosophists if they came from India would have maintained whatever literacy tradition they inherited from their Indian ancestors; and b) the language of the Gymnosophists was probably the cognate language of the Meroites. To test this hypothesis I compared the Meroitic [of

Cush in Africa] writing and Kharosthi [Central Asian] scripts. This comparison proved that some of these signs were analogous. This was confirmation of the possible inheritance of a Kushana [Asian] writing tradition among the Meroites. My research indicates that the cognate language of Meroitic is Kushana (or Tokharian) [from Central Asia]. I have found that we don't have to make any changes in the agreed upon pronunciation of the Meroitic characters. Using Kushana you can read all of the Meroitic inscriptions.

The Gymnosophists, or "naked sages" of Meroe came from India. Given the fact that the Kushana had formerly ruled India around the time that the Meroitic writing was introduced to the Kushite civilization, lead to the hypothesis that the ancestors of the Gymnosophist may have been Kushana philosophers. The historical evidence of the Kushana having ruled India made the Classical references to Indians in Meroe, an important source for the construction of alternative theories about the possible location of the cognate language of Meroitic. These references made it clear that there were two Kushes. A review of the history, and literature relating to Asia indicated that many place-names did in fact correspond fully to the name Kush in Africa. The recognition that there was abundant evidence of two Kushite empires confirmed the claims of the Classical literature that the Kushites lived in both Asia and Africa.>>

Until now we have been quoting from C.A. Winters, **E. Adams** also commented: "There's lots of legends like this, like the migration of the Meds from the Indus [of Pakistan-India] to become rulers of Aetherian Meroe [in African Nubia-Cush], and then you find similar types of pottery and rock art, etc. The Indian archaeologists have been very interested in this connection and took part in Nubian salvage operations".

TRADITIONAL JEWISH SOURCES ON CUSH

The Rabbinical authority *Rashi* on the Talmud says that Cush is India (Yoma 34; Ketuboth 22). In the Talmud (Megilla 17 see *Torah Temimah* on Esther) it says that there were two places named Cush one just besides India and

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the other at the opposite end of the Persian Empire. In our own works we have pointed out that the whole area east of the Caspian Sea could also be referred to as "Cush". In Classical Greek Geography most of this region was considered part of India. Our opinion is that the CUSH referred to in Isaiah (43;6 and 45;12) means the present-day regions of Pakistan and India.

The Targum (Aramaic Translation) to Isaiah 11;11 translates Cush as "Hodu" i.e. as "India". There was a sage from India named Rabbi Yehudah the Hindu, "Hindu" meaning Indian, and Rashi explains that he came from the Land of Cush (Baba Batra 74;b, Kiddushin 22;b).

Jeremiah asked, "Can an Ethiopian [Hebrew: "Cushi"] change his skin?" (Jeremiah 23; 13). The Aramaic Translation renders "Cushi" in this verse as "Hindi" meaning Indian. "Cush" can therefore mean either India or parts of Black Africa, or both together. The "merchandise of Cush" (in Isaiah 45;14) is more appropriate historically to trade with India, which throughout history was always important. Black Africa was known more for slaves and raw materials.

MORE PROOF

Other Linguistic and mythological evidence also justifies an identification of Cush with India:

"The colonies formed by the sons of HAM and SHEM, appear to have been nearly simultaneous... while the former branch [i.e. Ham], the most powerful and adventurous of whom were the progeny of CUSH, MISR, and RAMA (names remaining unchanged in Sanskrit, and highly revered by the Hindus), were in all probability, the race, which I call *Indian*..." (Sir William Jones p.5).

"We see CUSH or CUS (for the *Sanscrit* name also is variously pronounced) among the sons of BRAHMA, that is, among the progenitors of the Hindus, and at the head of an ancient pedigree ...; when we meet with this name again in the family of RA'MA; when we know, that the name is venerated in the highest degree, and given to a sacred grass, described as a *Poa* by KOENIG, which is used with a thousand ceremonies in the oblations to fire, ordained by MENU to form the sacrificial zone of the *Brahmans*, and solemnly

declared in the *Veda* to have sprung up soon after the *deluge*, whence the Pauranicks consider it as *the bristly hair of the boar which supported the globe*; when we add, that one of the seven *dwipas*, or great peninsulas of this earth, has the same appellation [i.e. of "*Cush*"], we can hardly doubt that the CUSH of MOSES and [*the CUSH of VALMIC [the Indian record]*] was the same personage and an ancestor of the *Indian race*" (Sir William Jones p.10).

"The tribes of MISR, CUSH, and RAMA settled in *Africa* and *India*;..." (Jones p.11).

Source: Sir William Jones: "*Asiatik Researches*" (22 vols), 1795-1810, Discourse The Ninth or "The Origin And families of Nations" (22-2-1792).

Who then are the Sabaeans?

Who are these "Sabaeans, men of stature" who shall come over in "chains" in Isaiah 45;14? Saba was the forefather of a group of people who left their namesakes in several places. According to the book, *Is The Bible Racist?* by Harold Hemenway, 1995, USA, (p.6) under the heading "SEBA," the son of Cush.....<<The native name of the island of MEROE (near Egypt and Ethiopia - Isa.43:3; 45:14) is SUBA (see Josephus) in SUDAN today! Some African tribes are called WA-SIBA (Eastern Bantu Negroids), ISUBU (Negro Bantu Transitional) and SAPE (Negroes). In Mozambique is the SAVE river. Fra Mauro's Map (1457) labels south central Africa "SABA" while Behaim's Globe labels Ethiopia "SABA." We find SEBDU fort in Algeria and a SEBYU river in both Algeria and Morocco and a SEBUNGA district and SEBAKWE river in South Africa>>.

The key sentence in the above listing is that Saba was, "The native name of the island of MEROE." Meroe is in the Sudan. It was once the center of a mighty civilization. From Meroe and its surroundings went forth the mighty Negro race and impressed its image on much of Africa. Not all the black peoples of Africa are Negroid. There are many different types among them. Nevertheless those who were taken slaves and passed over the sea to North America in many cases belonged to stock that had received significant input from the

Negro peoples who had emerged from Saba of the Sudan.

SABAEANS AND NEGROES

"Thus says the LORD, the labor of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia, and of the Sabaeans, men of stature, shall come over unto you... " (Isaiah 45; 14).

The "Sabaeans, men of stature" were descendants of "Seba" son of Cush (Genesis 10;7). There was another people named "Sheba" son of Joktan son of Shem (Genesis 10; 28) and in Semitic dialects the names "Saba" and Sheba" could be conceivably pronounced the same way. There is an opinion that the Sabaeans were in northwest India since one of the Aramaic translations renders Saba as Sinidi and "Sind" was the Arabic name for much of northwest India.² This possibility does not however nullify the fact that Sabaeans were in Africa. There was also a people known as Sabaeans in southern Arabia and in eastern Africa from the 500s bce.³ The Sabaeans in southern Arabia have been identified as descendants of Sheba son of Joktan but those in Africa were descendants of Saba son of Cush. Modern researchers do not however really distinguish between Sabaeans from Sheba and Sabaeans from Saba!⁴ There was also a people named Saba in the Sudan, or the Saba of Sudan was a branch of the Saba of eastern Africa and southern Arabia. At all events SABA of Cush can be identified with the Saba of the Sudan: The Sabaeans in Africa intermingled with local African peoples. They were in areas from which the Negro peoples emerged.

We can summarize our findings and say that Cush and Saba are related peoples sons of Ham. Descendants of both groups were to be found in both Africa and India and to the west of India. Isaiah when he spoke of Cush and Saba was referring to both Africa and India. From the context and relative importance of each group in the different areas we can say that in this case "Cush" meant primarily India and Saba the Negro peoples of Africa.

Saba "was, in fact, what is now Soudan, that is the country that lies east of the main, or White Nile, and between the River Atbara and the Blue Nile. This country was first called Seba, or Saba, and its people Sabeans" (Alonzo Trevier Jones: *The Empires of the Bible*, USA, 1904, p.22 ff.)

THE NEGRO PEOPLES TO A SIGNIFICANT DEGREE ORIGINALLY CAME FROM THE SUDAN REGION!⁵ They came from "Saba". They were the "Sabaeans, men of stature" as described by Isaiah. These peoples benefited from an unexplained population explosion starting around 500 c.e. (??) or earlier. They overran the rest of Africa. They submerged and intermarried with other African peoples. They populated the east and west coasts of Africa. Negro peoples on the West Coast of Africa often had traditions that they came from

Quotation from Alonzo Trevier Jones: *The Empires of the Bible*, USA, 1904, p.22 ff:

<<**Seba.** The place of Seba referred to by Isaiah was in the neighborhood of Ethiopia –"Sabeans, men of stature". Seba was, in fact, what is now Soudan, that is the country that lies east of the main, or White Nile, and between the River Atbara and the Blue Nile. This country was first called Seba, or Saba, and its people Sabeans. Cambyses, king of Persia, in an attempt to invade Ethiopia, in 523 B.C., reached the border of Saba, and bestowed upon it and its chief city the name of Meroe, after the name of his sister, who was also his wife. By the name "Meroe" it was know for ages. From its being an important commercial center, Meroe "Became owner of the richest countries on earth," and so powerful that at the beginning of the Christian era it ruled Ethiopia itself. For many years it was ruled by [a line of] queens named Candace.>>

the east. The Yoruba in Nigeria, for example, believed that originally they came from Arabia.⁶ It is believed that these traditions to some degree had an historical justification and that the time of their arrival in west Africa from the southern Sudan was between 600 c.e. to 1000 c.e.⁷ The British eventually ruled over much of Africa though even before that British merchants were active in the slave trade. Negro slaves came from both the East and West Coasts of Africa though the West Coast was dominant. This does not matter much (as far as this study is concerned) since many West Coast Negroes were of Sudanese origin and "Sabaens".

Arabs and Negro chieftains were also active in the slave trade. Negro chiefs would make war on neighboring tribes or even on their own people and sell the captives into slavery. This may shock us but it should be remembered that within historical times some Europeans also sold their own people into slavery. Celtic Britain was once a source of slaves for the Romans and others. At the same time as black people were enslaved in the west, white Slavs and Caucasians were bought or captured as slaves by the Moslem Turks. A large portion of east European peoples are still technically referred to as "Slavs" since the Germans were accustomed to enslave them. Even today Arabs and Black Negro Muslims from North Sudan make war on pagan and Christian Negroes in South Sudan and enslave them. In the Sudan and Mauritania (in northwest Africa) slaves may be purchased. Slaves also exist in Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, India, Haiti, and many other parts of the world. Slavery was internationally outlawed due to the British and Americans.

The Sabaeans in Isaiah are described as "men of stature" and many Negro slaves were of relatively large size. One has only to think of Negro basketball players, boxers, and other sportsmen in America today. It may be that amongst the Slave-traders as well as amongst the slaves were many descendants of Saba son of Cush.

"The Sabaeans, men of stature, shall come over unto you, and they shall be yours: They shall come after you; in chains they shall come over..." (Isaiah 45;14). Negro Slaves were taken from Africa across the Sea to North America, to the

Land where our researches show many of the Lost Ten Tribes to have been settled. Mortality rates on the slave boats exceeded 20 % but boats bearing white settlers from England in some cases suffered at almost the same rate. "Mortality in ships sailing from North Britain approached that in the slave trade."⁸ Descendants of these slaves became the American Negroes of today. The Negro in the present-day USA by hereditary has more than 20% of white blood on the average as well as Amerindian and other admixtures. Amongst the white population of the USA today it has been claimed that more than 20% contain some African blood. More than 20% of the whole population of the USA is of African origin. These statistics are estimated averages. In practical terms it means that some African Americans are white to a significant degree, while many whites have some African blood.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THESE PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE?

The verse says:

"They shall fall down unto you, they shall make supplication unto you, saying, Surely God is in you; and there is none else, there is no other God" (Isaiah 45; 14).

From the continuation of Isaiah chapter 45 it is seen that the Lost Ten Tribes will return and make penitence and re-accept the God of Israel. The end of the above verse (Isaiah 45; 14) suggests that the Negro peoples who will be dwelling among them will also do penitence. It should be noted that we identified the Negroes with "Sabaeans, men of stature" and Cush with India. Many Indians and Pakistanis (Moslem Indians) and Sikhs from India live in the UK and in South Africa.

"Thus says the LORD, the labor of Egypt, and merchandise of Cush, and of the Sabaeans, men of stature, shall come over unto you, and they shall be your: they shall come after you; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto you, they shall make supplication unto you, saying, Surely God is in you; and there is no else, there is no other God" (Isaiah 45;14).

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The verse (Isaiah 45;14) according to our explanation says that Israel in Exile at some stage (towards the Latter Days) would control the produce from Egypt, enjoy a monopoly over the trade with India, and cause large-bodied Negroes (“Sabaeans, men of stature”) in chains to pass over (the sea) to them. These Negroes eventually are destined to accept the values of Israel after Israel does repentance.

Isaiah 43;3 said: **For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior: I gave Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba for you.** *-Egypt, Cush and Saba are being given for you or in Hebrew (“tachtecha”) that is they are placed underneath Israel.*

The only peoples who historically fitted the description of "Israel" in the above verse are the peoples of Britain and North America who are essentially one. They ruled India and Egypt and transported Sabaeans in chains. This is not a moral judgment. It is an historic fact. These are the only people who fit the description of Israel indicated by Isaiah. They are the Lost Ten Tribes.

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- 1. Encyclopedia Judaica, "Cush"
- 2. Encyclopedia of Islam, 1995, "Saba."
- 3. Encyclopedia of Islam, 1995, "Saba."
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- 6. Basil Davidson, *The African Slave Trade*, 1980, p.209.
- 7. Basil Davidson, *The African Slave Trade*, 1980, p.209.
- 8. D.H. Fischer, "Albion's Seed", 1989, p.612.



The second rune in the uthark (the runic alphabet) is the Thorn rune. According to old Anglo-Saxon records the name of that rune is "Thorn" (in Scandinavia it is however known as the Thurs rune). The rune also resembles a thorn. Since the runic alphabet originally was a Semitic script system it is however not likely that the original name of the Thorn rune was "thorn".

A clue as to the original name of the thorn rune is found in the Gothic alphabet, where we can see that the name of the Gothic letter that corresponds to the Thorn rune is "THYTH". I hereby therefore suggest that the original name of the Thorn rune was Thyth, and derived from the Hebrew Shin-Yod-Tav which means thorn!!!

In Aramaic Shin-Yod-Tav would be pronounced something like THAYITH, since Shin often transforms into a Tav

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