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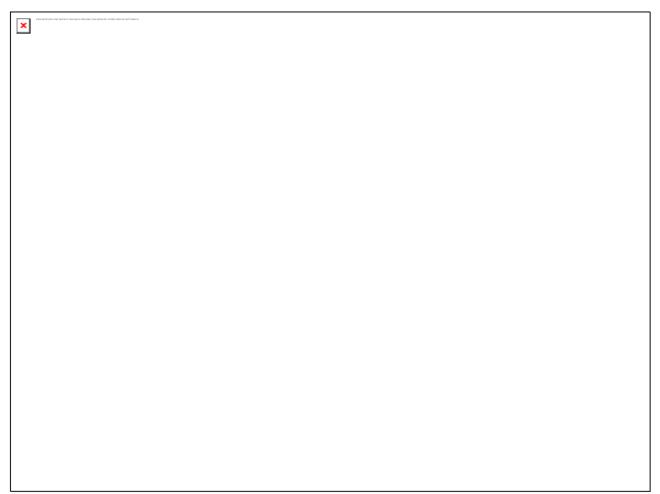
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A Editorial

Water and Ecology

Shalom, This is the fourth edition of Brit-Am. So far the magazine has been going well. There seems to be a growing interest in our subject from both the Jewish and non-Jewish sides. Some questions seem to be working their own way out. It is quite hot at present in Israel. There is a problem with water. In a few years (or less) Israel will not have enough water to supply its own needs. There is already tension between Syria, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority and

Israel over the water issue. Just north of Israel is the Litanni River from which vast amounts of water pour into the Mediterranean Sea. That water could help Israel and the region is within the boundaries of the Promised Land. The scarcity in water is caused partly by bad ecological habits of the Arabs living in this region. They chop and burn down trees and then bring goats to graze on whatever greenery grows. The goats eat up every shrub tearing it out by the roots. Wind and rain then blow away the top soil and the second time round still less greenery grows. It is a cyclical pattern: The surface of the

land is no longer green and there is less precipitation. The climate becomes hotter and this lessens precipitation still further. Semi-desert conditions then prevail. In the Second Temple Period the sages forbade the grazing of sheep and goats west of the Jordan River. Isaiah 7;25 describes the land turning into an area for grazing instead of cultivation as part of the calamity that will overcome the Land of Israel. In Numbers chapter 35 it speaks about the citiesa of the Levites. At that time the core of most of the cities were to be given to the Levites since everybody else received a parcel of land on which he built his homestead. Later others came to dwell in and around the cities attaching themselves to the Levitical settlements: It says concerning the cities of the Levites:

[NUM 35:3] AND THE CITIES SHALL THEY HAVE TO DWELL IN; AND THE SUBURBS OF THEM SHALL BE FOR THEIR CATTLE, AND FOR THEIR GOODS, AND FOR ALL THEIR BEASTS.

[NUM 35:4] AND THE SUBURBS OF THE CITIES, WHICH YE SHALL GIVE UNTO THE LEVITES, SHALL REACH FROM THE WALL OF THE CITY AND OUTWARD A THOUSAND CUBITS ROUND ABOUT.

This thousand cubits around was for the "pleasantness" (Hebrew: "noy") of the inhabitants and according to Rabbinical tradition (see Rashi) was to remain uncultivated. There was an additional two thousand cubits intended for vineyards, gardens, and limited grazing:

[NUM 35:5] AND YE SHALL MEASURE FROM WITHOUT THE CITY ON THE EAST SIDE TWO THOUSAND CUBITS, AND ON THE SOUTH SIDE TWO THOUSAND CUBITS, AND ON THE WEST SIDE TWO THOUSAND CUBITS, AND ON THE NORTH SIDE TWO THOUSAND CUBITS; AND THE CITY SHALL BE IN THE MIDST: THIS SHALL BE TO THEM THE SUBURBS OF THE CITIES.

This apparently was intended as the prototype for all later settlement.

Here is found the principle that every city should be surrounded by an area of uncultivated greenery that is not used for grazing and after that a larger area dedicated to grazing under viable conditions. This is an ecologically sound practice. Greenery (especially trees) purifies the air, contributes to the preservation and cleanliness of water resources, moderates the climate, and increases water condensation in the form of dew and/or rain.

ULSTER, SOUTH AFRICA, and ISRAEL

Two of our supporters recently visited Ulster (North Ireland) and their report is published in this issue. They quote from the words of an Ulster activist named "Grug" as reported in a book by Susan McKay. I looked up the reference and one of the things that Grug had also said was that:

<< The Israelis and the white South Africans are in a very similar situation to us...'

<<p><<The UDP [i.e. Ulster defence Party] had ordered an Israeli flag for Grug's band to carry in Derry. 'Most of my band wanted it just for a wind-up, to annoy the Bogsiders. But my thing is, there's the IRA, the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the African National Congress, and I detest all three of them.'>>.
South Africa (like Ulster and Israel) is a BritAm entity and should not be abandoned!

THE CIA, ANTI-SEMITISM, CRITICISM FROM A FRENCH INTELLECTUAL

In Israel we know that nearly the only strong friend we have is the USA and we are grateful for American help but there are some things that are difficult to explain. The Palestinians for instance due to American presssure are now well armed. They are being trained by the CIA. They openly declare that their ambition is to destroy Israel. They wish to exterminate the Jews here. I sometimes find it difficult to promote the Brit-Am point of view when people point out apparent anti-semitic tendencies (such as those exemplified in the CIA) that exist in Brit-Am nations. In addition I have a friend who is highly critical of the whole

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Brit-Am concept. He is a French-born intellectual from an old Jewish family in Alsace on the border of France and Germany. He may be somehow distantly related to me since we have an ancestral family name (on my mother's side) in common. He was educated at the Sorbonne in Paris, knows history well -especially military hostory, is widely read, has a special interest in the Holocaust, studies linguistics and Rabbinical subjects. He believes that in principle Brit-Am is correct but says we exagerrate concerning the quantity of people concerned. He claims that though the Lost Ten Tribes probably did go to western Europe most people of West European origin are not of Israelite descent. I think he is wrong but find his opinions of interest and am trying to persuade him to contribute an article. So far he has declined. At any rate one of his major claims against us is the presence of anti-semitism in the countries we speak of. This is sometimes difficult to counter. We disagree with him but his criticisms do help us maintain a certain balanced perspective. The presence of non-Israelite elements should also never be disregarded. At all events our attitude is that as long as we tell the truth as we know it, study the Bible and related sources well and keep try ing we should not err on major issues.

SPANISH TRANSLATIONS AND VIDEO MOVIE

Negotiations were held recently to sell the rights to *The Tribes* and *Lost Israelite Identity* for translation into Spanish. The idea is that an

additional chapter about Conversos should also be included in the translated version of The Tribes. The Conversos were Jews in Spain who were forced to convert to Christianity yet in some cases remained attached to Judaism. They are more commonly known as Marranoes. These people were socially and economically succesful and so aroused the jealousy of others. They were accused of retaining loyalty to Judaism and savagely persecuted. Consequently many of them left Spain for other parts of Europe or for the less accesible regions of the Spanish Empire overseas. Many people of Spanish descent (especially in the USA) have Converso origins. Whether the translation will come through or not is **uncertain** at present. We will see how things go. The very fact that people seem to be thinking seriously in that direction is however encouraging.

Stephen Collins is coming to Israel (with TV Producer Howard Davis) to do a one-hour video program about the Lost Ten Tribes. Brit-Am will probably co-operate and be given a few minutes of footage in the clip. More details will be given after the visit.

AN HONOR TO KNOW YOU ALL!

We have been getting a good response lately from our supporters: comments, constructive criticisms, compliments, valuable information, and contributions here and there. I am impressed with the quality and niceness of the people who contact us. It is an honor to know you all.

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BRIT-AM GOES TO ULSTER

by Azriel bar-Yisroel and Shmuel ben Yaakov

We went to Ulster on a fact-finding mission for business and educational purposes of our own. We are both believers that the Lost Ten Tribes reached Western Europe. We were therefore happy to serve (in addition to our own goals) as emissaries of Brit-Am and pay our respects to sympathizers of Brit-Am in that area. **Dr. Clifford Smythe** of Belfast, Ulster hosted us. Clifford has been a supporter of Yair Davidy and Brit-Am almost from the beginning. He is an educator by profession and Chief Examiner for History who has written a number of books and

articles on Ulster and on the subject of Lost Israelite Identity. We were present during a week of marches and parades celebrating the Battle of the Boyne. In this battle William of Orange in 1690 defeated his father-in-law James-II and thus saved both Britain and Ulster from Roman Catholic domination. During this week the people of Ulster become themselves and can be better seen for what they are. At other times everyone is occupied with his day-to-day concerns and does not really show his real self. At this season, different groups of Ulstermen conduct their own parades with bands and banners and ceremonies of their own. Blue and white seemed to be the predominant colors. We came across one banner that used as its symbol a Star of David with a red clenched fist inside it. The Star of David is indeed a symbol that appears on the official emblem of Ulster but this particular emblem we thought was clearly derived from than that of an offshoot of a certain Jewish Defense League. They however claimed emblem had been designed that independently and possibly had preceded its use by Jewish organizations.

Of all the countries and regions identified by Brit-Am as possessing a significant number of people descended from Israel Ulster is outstanding. In Ulster exists the highest percentage of people who are aware of their Israelite identity and openly acknowledge it. It may be that Brit-Am should consider seriously expanding its overseas activities beginning from this area? We met people from all classes of society from the highest to the lowest. If anything we spent more time sightseeing and socializing in working class areas. We also met and chatted with upperclass people. Both of us can testify that through all classes of Ulster society up to the highest dignitaries they all acknowledged their descent. All of Israelite them seemed sympathetic to Israel. We were identifiable as Jews by our skullcaps and by the Israeli flag that we carried at one stage. We encountered only one adverse incident when a Norwegian journalist made a remark about Israelis (i.e. us) coming to Ireland to stir up trouble as if (he said) it was not enough that we are "oppressing" the Palestinians. When he made this remark there was a group of teenagers present who immediately hooted the Norwegian down.

In the middle of one of the marches Clifford suddenly asked, "Is this man one of your friends?" We looked up and saw a six-foot plus large individual dressed in hat and suit of a style associated with Orthodox Rabbis. We introduced ourselves. The person concerned was Professor Rabbi Schiller of Yeshiva University in New York City. He had come as an observer and said he felt a feeling of kinship with these people. Their family values especially impressed him. As background material he recommended the book, "The Faithful Tribe," by Ruth Dudley Edwards. Our conversation with Professor. Schiller was interrupted by reporters from the BBC who displayed great interest in the Rabbi's presence.

In Ulster there is great sympathy for Israel and a feeling that Israel is being let down by her allies just as the Ulstermen feel is happening to them. Israel and Ulster have both been misrepresented by the media.

Ulstermen are a naturally conservative even "right-wing" inclined people with strong family values. It would be very easy for them to adopt anti-semitic notions but they do not. In fact the Identity belief has lost some of its attraction in the eyes of some people here because of anti-semitic groups trying to take it over and present it in a perverted manner. On the other hand the forces opposed to Ulster such as the IRA have received Libyan Arab money and support and on occasion have given evidence of anti-semitic inclinations. In this connection there is an interesting passage in "Northern Protestants, An Unsettled People" by Susan McKay pp.95-96.

McKay reports an interview she had with an Ulster loyalist extremist named "Grug".

<< Back in the early days Grug said loyalists took friends where they could find them including the British National Front...I used to have a National Front tattoo but I got rid of it.

<< Grug changed his mind about the National Front because their hatred of the Jews

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conflicted with a new respect he had developed for the Israelis.

<< The UDP had ordered an Israeli flag for Grug's band to carry in Derry.

We heard the conflict in Ulster frequently described as a "Tribal" affair. The idea of belonging to a "Tribe" seems to be quite strong here. There is a strong sense of belonging to a group or kind of extended family. The people seemed very sane. They displayed characteristics of discipline, propriety, and courage. It cannot be denied that the Southern Irish also often display the same characteristics.

Azriel later discussed his visit with a researcher in Israel who has assisted the historian Martin Gilbert. He confirmed our impressions and stated that as far as he knows there have never been anti-semitic incidents reported in Ulster. In the not too distant past there was a flourishing Jewish community in Ulster that enjoyed good relations with both its Protestant and Catholic neighbors. The connection with the Protestants was felt to have been especially strong. A Jewish philanthropist name Jaffe had been well known for his contributions to the welfare and wellbeing of the Jewish and non-Jewish communities.

Shmuel asked Dr.Clifford what he thought the future steps should be. Clifford said that he was not about to move to Israel and learn Hebrew but existing connections can be strengthened and new ones developed. It was agreed that another group from Ulster will visit Israel in the near future and that this visit be reciprocated by visitors from Israel to Ulster. Opportunities will be provided for both sides to present their own nationalist viewpoint. We should endeavor to inform the people of Ulster of Brit-Am and to make our opinions about the Lost Ten Tribes known to them. We decided that a little more background information was in order so at the Airport we acquired "The Faithful Tribe," by Ruth Dudley Edwards and two other randomnly chosen books: "Northern Protestants, An Unsettled People" by Susan McKay and "A History of Ulster" by Jonathan Bardon. These books may not have been good choices but they contain useful information. We managed to skim though parts of them before we got back to Israel. We then turned the books temporarily over to Yair to write something up about them after hearing our own impressions and looking through them himself.

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Letter From Prison

Dear "Brother" Yair Davidy,

I am a fifty-six year old Jewish man serving a "life" sentence for a murder I did not commit! I have been incarcerated for five years now. My parents are dead. Have no children nor brothers or sisters. I was raised and lived for fifty years as an agnostic secular Jew.

I have spent the last five years, Yair, returning to Torah and seeking HaShem's "Will" for my life. I know the Blessed One is going to deliver me from prison some day! I want to make contact with you...Some Christian Zionist friends of mine sent me your name and address, Shalom in HaShem, D, USA.

"I am of the Tribe of Dan"

Dear Yair,

I think I am of the Tribe of Dan. My grandmother's name was Jordan. I have known for some time that I am an Israelite..Sarah, VA, USA.

Anglo-Israelites in America

A brief background: I am of part Jewish descent, and my head deacon for many years, K. B. (now 87) is of Jewish descent. My great-grandparents converted to Catholicism, my father to Lutheranism, and I to non-denominational Bible Christianity, which provided a good foundation for understanding and accepting the Anglo-Israel truth. Our congregation in Detroit is the oldest Anglo-Israel church in North America (perhaps the world?) with roots back to at least 1871...I have pastored here 25 years next January. I have one of the largest Anglo-Israel libraries in the world, including the library of the historic Woodward Avenue Baptist Church, an early Anglo-Israel congregation. J. A., Berkley, Michigan, USA.

Valuable Information

Dear Yair Davidy,

Your books contain valuable information that is paramount to the complete understanding of the Bible. Sincerely, Susan Alfson, Ph.D, Ridgecrest, CA, USA.

Proud

A New Understanding of Biblical History

Dear Mr Davidy

I would like to renew my subscription...My sister..ordered my first subscription and I have enjoyed reading them. It has been one of the greatest gifts she could have ever given to me. I can now read my Bible with a new understanding of the history in it. Thank you and God bless you, Margie Keith M, AR, USA,

Hebraic Roots

Dear Mr Davidy

I believe God has been indicating to me that there are some Hebraic roots in my family background. I recently learned about your research and books on this subject...please send me information,..Patricia S, Oregon, OH, USA.

Dear Yair Davidi,

I read every letter that you send and I thank G-d for you and the knowledge that He has given you to share with us. Along with this letter, I recently read a letter from a young lady who "thinks" she might be a Jew.

I too ask you this question, as I have some things of my genealogy that point to this however the thing that most mightily points to this is that I'm one who prays night and day and feel I have a very close and intimate relationship with HaShem. Just a few years ago He has put in my heart night and day to follow the paths of what I feel are my ancestral beginnings. I have a love for all Jews everywhere that

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surpasses every love I have ever known. I crave everyday to make alliyah. Why would I have such desire if it were not from G-d.

I don't know if I'm from a lost tribe but I do know I don't belong in a gentile world and all my friends have always been Jews. As well as I can tell from trying to study my roots is Sephardic. And when I look at pictures of my ancestors I can see that they look like Jews. I know that it was always a secret that was kept within the family and now that I talk about it to relatives they get angry at me. In the sixties here in the US when the hippies would where helmets with the Swastika on it, my father would jump on them and destroy the helmets as he felt it was evil. I have read everything I can get my hands on about the Temple and the Temple Mount and I receive letters and the newspapers from Jerusalem. Today I have sent out many letters to all I know to stop the desecration of the Temple Mount. Does this deep loving desire to come to Eretz Yisrael, and the people and HaShem come from Him. Is it a message from Him of my roots? Shalom, Shalom, His handmaiden, Hadassah

Dear Yair:

My husband Al and I are members of your newsgroup and very much enjoy the e-mails we receive. For many years we have had a deep tugging at our hearts for The People, The Land, and The City. We never understood why until 3 years ago we came across some teaching on the Ten Tribes. There is no doubt in our minds now that we are truly physically a part of the Ten Tribes.

Even though my husband was an ordained minister, we felt uncomfortable in the church. He resigned from our previous denomination after 30 years with them. About 8-9 years ago we began learning Hebrew and reading everything we could get our hands on about the Hebraic roots of Christianity. We started a Hebraic Roots study group in our home that grew to many people, so we moved into a storefront.

We observe Sabbath, all the festivals, and kashrut. Every week we study the Torah portion and try to be as Torah-observant as possible. We are very excited by what we have learned from you and many others.

While we agree with you on many points, I have to tell you that I don't see how we can ever deny that Moshiach came...

Shalom, Anita Robertson, Tulsa, OK, USA.

Good Wishes

Shalom Alaychem, Yair!

Hope all is well with you and yours. Keep up the great work! Enclosed is ..Please use the rest as a donation to be used wherever it is needed most...Your friend and fellow Israelite, Matthew Harris Holmes, House of Harris, Glendale, Arizona, USA

An Exciting And Prophetic Work

This is an exciting and prophetic work. May God prosper it and speed it... Tim Murray, Dublin, NH, USA.

Ancestor Was Scotch-Irish Married To A Full-Blooded Cherokee Indian

Just discovered your website, and it is very interesting. I was a Baptist all my life (now 53 Years old), but questioned many things about the church's teachings, especially the Sabbath. Then 4 years ago, joined with some other people and we have a Messianic Israelite congregation. My heart was so drawn to the Sabbath and God's Festivals, and after finding others who felt the same, I could not possibly do anything else. I wonder what your beliefs are - if you think the "church" has replaced Israel? Just looking at your website, I wouldn't think so, but I would like to know.

Also, my great-grandfather was a full-blooded Scotch-Irish who was married to a full-blooded Cherokee Indian. I was never interested in my heritage, I was ashamed of it because I was a Christian and the Scottish and Irish people were so pagan. The druids were so pagan. I just could not accept that heritage. Now, after seeing the two-house beliefs, I am still ashamed of their paganism but wonder if possibly my relatives were descended from Israel. That might explain why I love Israel and the Jewish people and the Sabbath and the Festivals so deeply. One problem that I have is that you and others say things like America being Manasseh. How could that be, since America, even from the beginning, was made of different nationalities?

Your magazine is called Brit-Am, and I have a bit of a problem with some who call themselves believers of the British-American doctrine, because they say the Jews in Israel are not really Jews and that Ango-Saxons are the real Israelites. This doctrine is the basis for a lot of anti-semitism and that is one reason I could not accept any of these theories. Just what do you believe? I always check out this kind of thing before I go and buy any books or subscribe to anything or spend too much time on a website. Since you are Jewish I wouldn't think you would be like others who call themselves by the Brit-Am doctrine, but as I said, I try to check things out.

I know you must be very busy, and I appreciate your taking the time to reply to a little lady on a farm in Alabama! "Mrs Charles".

David Horowitz (Head of United Israel World Union) Sends His Congratulations!

Yair Davidy. Dear friend, Yair, Shalom,

My son, Herbert J.Solomon, of San Diego, CA., kindly ordered your revelatory book, "The Tribes," for me. I received it this week.

Congratulations! The UN and the world must take note of the timely message it conveys. "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples"...May HaShem continue to bless and guide you, David Horowitz, United Israel World Union, 231 E. 76th St., New York, NY, USA.

Comment: Enclosed was an article by David Horowitz from the Jewish Press. The Article explains how an Australian attorney, Ian Lacey, has summarized in a brochure the work of Professor Julius Stone (1907-1985). The work proves that even according to International Law the State of Israel has a full right to all the territories of Judah and Samaria (The "West Bank"). [According to the Bible Israel has Godgiven right to all the land from the Nile to the Euphrates, including all of Jordan, all of Lebanon, all of Syria]. This right in International Law is based on three principles:

- 1. The Self-Defense Principle: An attacked country is entitled to occupy the territory of those attacking it and to remain there indefinitely as long as it is endangered by not doing so. In this case the lands in question never legally belonged to Jordan. They had been contested by both Israel and Jordan. Jordan occupied them as a result of war. As a result of war they were in turn then occupied by Israel. Objectively, from the International perspective Israel's claim is at least as valid as Jordan's and Israel is at present in possession. There is no legal reason that should require Israel to evacuate the territories in question.
- 2. The initial partition plan in 1947 had no legal authority in its own right. It was subject to the agreement of the parties concerned. The Arab States rejected this plan by aggressively launching an offensive war whose objective was the extermination of the Jewish people in what was then "Palestine." The State of Israel does therefore not depended for its legitimacy on the partition plan of 1947 but rather on the right of its people to declare independence and found their own state. This state was subsequently recognized by a majority vote in the United Nations and by de facto agreement of every country in the world then in existence apart from a few Arab States that however are probably themselves "illegitimate nations."
- 3. The Geneva Convention and the Legality of settlements: According to this convention the occupation by Jordan after 1948 of Judah and Samaria (the West Bank) was probably illegal. The territories had no

legal owner. Israel occupied them as a reaction to aggression. The clause against settlement in The Geneva Convention refers to Nazi like dispossession of legal owners but Israel in this case, is the legal owner or at least the power in existence that has most right to possession as well as actual physical presence and control in the area.

Editor's Remark: The above arguments are not what determines who owns the Land of Israel. The Bible says it belongs to the People of Israel meaning in this case those Israelites who have kept the Law and retained awareness of their Israelite Identity, i.e. the Jews. If however non-Biblical considerations are to be considered then the above reasoning is also valid and this too affirms Israel's right to possession of the territories she liberated.

Renewed My Interest In The Ltts

Yair Davidy.

You have renewed my interest in the LTTs. Initially, I learned of it from the Worldwide Church of God....I think your book should be very useful, Mark Butler, Irving, Texas, USA.

Blessing

Hi, Yair. This is Mark Mosley. How many more magazines do I have coming on this subscription?

I don't want to miss any. They are great!! Thank you for the work that you are doing for Israel. May YHWH greatly bless you. Mark Mosley, SC, USA.

Your Books Discussed in Group I Attend

Dear Yair

Please subscribe me to BRIT-AM...I also have your two books and we discuss them in a group I attend..La Vonne Walten, Carmichael, CA, USA

You are nuts!

You are nuts. There are no linguistic evidence, cultural evidence, or archaeological evidence. You lump the Fins in with the Germanic people which is in contradiction to the evidence of the Fins origins. This is another attempt to steal the historical glory of Europe for the ancient world. The Semites had their day as the creators and progenitors of civilization. My ancestors have the distinction of having destroyed that legacy with the fall of Rome.

Please find something else to do with yourself. Maybe writing science fiction or starting some radical sect would be more in line with your abilities. "Jonathan Brown"

We Are One

Dear Yair:

Shalom.Both sides of my families have been traced back to Ireland and Scotland and in so far as I know, there is not a sign or a mention of Israeli Tribes in the past. But the Jews do not have the only right to the feeling of "being one" exclusive of the One World Government-New World Order, people of all heritages are growing in the feeling that they are "one" --a sort of affinity, kinship--Hopefully, it may be that we are done believing the warlords and are slowly awakening to the fact that we are not the enemies of each other----but have on the other hand, a common enemy. I hope it is contagious; that it spreads and is infectious. That it is not exclusive to the 10 Lost Tribes.-- Karolyn Martin, Texas, USA.

Note: Karolyn Martin runs a e-mail news service <kmartin@granbury.com> that caters to people with traditional nationalist American (Republican Party) interests.

Jewish Roots

Hello, My name is Ed (Blanchfield) Mathews. I don't know how to explain this except for the fact that deep in my spirit I feel that I am a Jew. I was raised Catholic and was told that my family name came from Cork and Killkenny, Ireland three generations ago. However, I've always gravitated to Jewish people for friends. One of them once told me, upon hearing of my nationality, "Yea right, you' re about as Irish as MAC abbees" [cf. Maccabee]. Could it be possible that I am a Jew that has lost touch of my roots through assimilation? Or is there the possibility that I might be able to genetically screen my DNA to clear up any suspicions?

I was having a conversation with a friend last night who has similar feelings and questions about his past. He is of Italian decent and his last name is Barge, which probably is an American version of Barchi which in my suspicions is probably an Italianized version of Baruch. I told him that I was going to call him Baruch from now on. There is something deeply profound happening in my heart and it is also a phenomena that I share with my wife as well. She is from Armenian decent but has heirloom crotche work from three generations ago that was designed as Stars of David connecting together.

Other than that my three children all have Hebrew Names, and so do I. Shalom, Ed Simcha Mathews

Comment: In my opinion DNA at this stage of its development is unlikely to tell you anything substantial. It is expensive and could be misleading but you never know. Quite a few people of Irish descent have reported to me and to Rabbi Feld the same feelings as your self. This is a phenomenon amongst people of Irish ancestry. People from other "Brit-Am" origins experience their Israelite origins in other ways. On a related theme, I met a person whose mother was Jewish and father Irish-American. He was learning in Jerusalem. He was once invited to a Shabbat meal in a Jewish house to which 7 other young male students had been invited. All of them had Jewish mothers and Irish-American fathers! This only became apparent during the course of the meal. The person who arranged the invitations had had no idea whatsoever about the origins of the guests. It was entirely by "chance"! Such things do happen. On one occasion I once went to a Sabbath celebration at which 14 people were present. I had persuaded my friend (who is a Cohen, of the priestly caste) to come along. When we got there the guests started talking. It turned out that 12 of those present were Cohens, and one was a Levite. The Cohens and Levites are both from the Tribe of Levi. I am neither but because of me an extra Cohen had come along. This is statistically impossible but did happen. Somehow or other one's ancestry does influence one's behavior and one's fate. God Bless you, Yair Davidy.

Compliments

Shalom Yair Davidi!

It was a pleasure to meet you and since returning to the states (groan! - my heart is still there) I've read much of what you have written - every chance I get! Thanks for all your e-mails. I'm learning a lot.

Conference plans seem to be moving at a snail's pace! At any rate I plan to bring a tour group when the almond trees are in bloom next spring.

Under separate cover I'm sending a check for the BRIT-AM magazine. I'm amazed at all the knowledge you have received - "for such a time as this." I cannot absorb it all because history was always a difficult subject for me - but during school days I had no incentive as I do now! (And also dull teachers!) Keep up the good work and be strengthened daily for your tasks.

Gratefully, Chris Josephson, KS, USA

Israel and Judah Will Get Together

Shalom Brother Yair,

Thanks for the sending these proofs of who is Judah and who is Israel (Ephraim). I believe there will be great joy when one Day Israel and Judah gets together as one. Baruch HaShem, Regards, Jim Coetzee, South Africa

Can't Wait To Read Every Last Word

Dear Mr. Davidi,

Yesterday I received my book order from you. Also the two Britam magazines. I can't wait to read every last word of them all. You are doing a great work and it is just what I have been looking for a long time! May the God of Israel and all the world bless you in all you do.

Doris J. Knight, Tulsa, OK, USA.

Thank You

Thank you for your web site and your in depth research. It is a real blessing, Brian Sedleck, Belmont, NC, USA



THE LOST TEN TRIBES IN PROPHECY: by Yair Davidy

Transcipt from a lecture: In two Parts: Part 2.

Adam: In the Beginning God created the heavens and earth. He made man and woman. He commanded them to be fruitful and multiply and conquer the earth. Mankind began to sin so God destroyed all life with a flood of water out of which only Noah and those with him in the Ark were saved. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japhet. Abraham was a descendant of Shem.

Abraham lived in Ur Casdim which was probably the same as the city of UR in ancient Sumer in Mesopotamia, or connected to it. Sumer was pronounced as "Shume" and was another way of saying "Shem". God appeared unto Abraham and told him to leave his country and go to a land that would be shown unto him (Genesis 12: 1-3). Abraham was to beget Isaac and Isaac begat Jacob later known as Israel. The descendants of Israel were pre-destined to become a Chosen People. The nature of the Chosen People that was destined to develop from

Israel may be determined from the Blessings that Israel received and inherited from his forefathers Abraham and Isaac.

The Blessings: Abraham was told to get out of his country and go to a land that God would show him and he would become a great nation and though him all the families of the earth would be blessed.

Vast Numbers: Abraham did as he was commanded he left his father's house and went to Canaan where once again God appeared unto him and told him:

Genesis 13;14-16:

"And the LORD said unto Abram ...Lift you up your eyes, and look from ther place where you now are northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward.

"For all the land that you see, to you will I give it and to your seed forever.

"And I will make your seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall your seed also be numbered.

We are seeing here a repetition of the blessing that is repeated throughout the Bible and begins in the Book of Genesis:

Two-Fold Aspects of the Blessings: This Blessing has two aspects:

One aspect concerns A very great promised Multiplication of descendants and related blessings.

The other aspect concerns the inheritance of the LAND.

The Blessing is divided. The general Blessing of becoming very numerous and a great nation was (as will be seen) to be given unconditionally. Its purpose was to fulfill God's plan of using Israel to advance humanity for its own good. You got it? Israel was to become a great nation and blessed in order to be a blessing to the world and a civiliser of humanity. This Promise was to be come UNCONDITIONAL and had somehow to be fulfilled.

On the other hand the INHERITING of The Land was to be made contingent on Keeping the Law. This is discussed in my book "The Tribes" and proven there from the Bible.

The **LOST TEN TRIBES** did not keep the Commandments, they went in the ways of the nations around them and were exiled but in them was to be fulfilled the national aspect of the Blessings. Why this was so, we do not exactly know. We only know that this was all part of God's plan to benefit humanity for its own sake. In Genesis 15: 5: "And he took him outside, and said, Look now, and tell the stars, if you are able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall your seed be".

So we see here once again that his seed would be very numerous. This point is important. It is repeated frequently in the Blessings where it was promised that the seed of Israel would be vast in number. A criticism often levelled at our conclusions concerning the **LOST TEN TRIBES** and their being found today amongst the British and west European stocks is the numbers involved. It is conceptually difficult to comprehend that the actual numbers of Israelite descendants may be very great indeed. From the

above Blessings it can be seen that vast and innumerable as stars of the heavens and as dust of the earth would the numbers of descendants of the Patriarchs indeed be. The Blessing to multiply greatly was part of the unconditional Statecraft Goal of the Chosen people. The Blessing to be very numerous was part of that portion of the Blessings that had no conditions attached to them

Borders of the Land: Again Abraham is told (Genesis 15;12-18) that his seed would be afflicted for 400 years then they would be delivered and inherit the Land promised unto them: The land they were to inherit was from the River of Egypt unto the River Euphrates.

Kings: In Genesis (17: 1-7) it relates how again God appeared unto Abraham and said unto him:

"...I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be perfect.

"And I will make my covenant between me and you and will multiply you exceedingly...

"...My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations....

"And I will make you exceedingly fuitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come out of you.

Note: The Blessings that were destined to devolve on the Chosen People involved becoming several nations, not just one people and further it says, "and kings shall come out of thee".

-You see he is going to be multiplied and numerous and KINGS are going to come out of him: KINGs!

God continues (17;7-8) the blessing and promises Abraham the land of Canaan, after that Abraham is commanded to keep the rite of circumcision.

The receiving of the Land of Canaan -of Israel is connected with a recognition of God, keeping the commandments and with the bond of circumcision (Genesis 17;9-14) whereas other aspects of the Promises were not so connected.

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LOST TEN TRIBES & Hereditary **Monarchs:** Again God appeared unto Abraham (17:15-16) and told him that Sarai should be renamed Sarah and that a son would be born from her "she shall be a mother of nations: kings of people shall be of her". In Hebrew the words translated as "kings of people" (17;16) are "malcei-amim" meaning more correctly "kings of peoples" that is several peoples at one and the same time having kings over them. Today the majority of Israelite nations [-i.e. nations that we have identified as belonging to Israel-] have kings over them and they are almost the only ones that do. Nations with kings (meaning hereditary monarchs) are: Japan -which is not an Israelite country; Saudi Arabia, and Jordan whose monarchs are elevated bandit chiefs (paid lackeys of oil interests), dependent on outside support and relative Newcomers, and the king of Morocco whose dynasty is also fairly recent. Apart from these all of the present-day kings, all belong to Israelite nations. Most of their dynasties are interrelated and thier origins go back into the mists of time -beyond the era of recorded history. Sweden has an hereditary Monarch; so do Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Great Britain. The monarch of Britain is the monarch of Australia and the monarch of New Zealand.

-So we are able to add to the list of signs proving that these nations belong to Israel, another point - that of monarchies. This is obviously no proof in itself: But it is an indication. It joins the list of recognisable Identity factors and must be considered along with the others. This additional point according to the Law of Probability increases the statistical certainty that we are right in our conclusions. The existence of hereditary monarchs amongst Northwest European nations should be added to the dominant nation among them being Britain in "the isles of the sea", their being at the "ends of the earth", being numerous, in the north and west, and so on.

Ishmael: The wife of Abraham was Sarai who at first was barren so she gave her

handmaiden Hagar to Abraham. Hagar bore Ishmael to Abraham. Ishmael was the forefather of some of the Arabs.

Abraham was told that his wife Sarah would bear him a son to be called Isaac. Abraham asked consideration for Ishmael but God said no, the blessing was reserved only for Isaac. Even so, it was promised that Ishmael would become a great and mighty nation and from him did come some of the Arabs and some of the natives of North and South America and some of those peoples among the Latin nations.

It was however said expressly that Isaac would be the inheritor of the promises. 17; 21: "**But my covenant will I establish with Isaac**".

A GREAT AND MIGHTY NATION

Again in ch.18 God made himself known unto Abraham:

Genesis 18; 18-19: "ABRAHAM SHALL BECOME A GREAT AND MIGHTY NATION, AND ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED IN HIM.

"For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgement: that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he has spoken of him.

"Justice And Judgement": Here, looking at this Blessing, the doing of Justice and Judgement are being spoken of and emphasised. The Chosen People were destined to do "justice and judgement", that was to be part of their task in history: They were to do "justice and judgement", in order that all the nations of the earth be blessed in them.

The order of the blessing implies that in order to do "justice and judgement" the people who are blessed must first become "a great and mighty nation" since first "a great and mighty nation" is mentioned and then later the goal of doing "justice and judgement" follows after.

"Akeda" = "The Binding".

In Genesis 22 is described an incident which we do not properly understand. It is known in Hebrew as "The Akeda" = "The Binding".

Abraham was told to take his son,, his "only son" (according to the words of the Bible), and go with him to the Mount of Moriah and there offer him up as a human-sacrifice. Abraham did as he was told and he went with Isaac to the place, laid wood upon an altar, then bound Isaac to the altar and raised a sacrificial knife to kill Isaac. At the last minute Isaac was stopped by an angel who told him that the whole thing was only a test of faith to see if Abraham would obey the command of God in this matter or not. A ram was substituted for Isaac and sacrificed in his stead.

The purpose of the test was to enable the international aspects of the Promises to be fulfilled **UNCONDITIONALLY!**

After the Akeda (After the Binding) i.e. after Abraham had passed the test, God Blessed Abraham.

"And said, **By myself have I sworn**, says the LORD, for because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son,

"That in blessing I will bless you, and in multplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of his enemies:

"And in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed; because you have obeyed my voice.

Note the expression in the first part of thIs blessing,

"By myself have I sworn, says the LORD because you have done this thing, and have Not withheld Your son, your only son from me".

"By myself have I sworn, says the LORD" in other words **unconditionally** "by MYSELF" i.e. by HIMSELF", by the very essence of God Almighty and therefore **NOT SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!!!**.

This is a new development: Some of the previous blessings are now repeated and involve being multiplied as the stars of the heavens and of the seashores; there is also a promise to inherit the gate of your enemies i.e. strategic points, and the **Promise is now unconditional:** In this verse nothing is said about the LAND because the LAND is not unconditionial but is contingent upon keeping the commandments and Monotheistic belief.

Thousands Of Millions = "Alfei Revavah"??: Eventually Abraham became old and thought he was going to die so he sent his servant Elazar to the House of his father to bring back a wife. Elazar went and brought back Rivka (Rebecca) with him. Before she went the family of Rebecca blessed her. They said unto her (Genesis 24;60), "You are our sister, be you the mother of thousands of millions and may your seed possess the gate of those that hate them". ["be thou the mother of thousands of milions"-it

says in the KJ though the Hebrew translated here as *thousands of milions*" is "**alfei revavah**" which actually would be translated today as saying "thousands of ten thousands" i.e. Tens of Millions though it could be understood to mean more. However it is understood -whether as saying "tens of millions" or "thousands of millions", it is definitely talking about a great many people.

Rebecca was also blessed, "-and may your seed possess the gate of those that hate them".

i.e. May the seed of Rebecca and Isaac possess the strategic passes promised in the Blessings.

Gate of your enemies: Isaac had been promised that his seed would possess "the gate of his enemies" and Rebecca likewise was promised that her seed would "possess the gate of those that hate them". The promise to possess the gate of enemies refers to the possession of strategic points that allow access to or control over thoroughfares of supply or the interior of a country or something similar. This is how Rabbinical Commentators understood it, for instance it was said that the blessing was

partially fulfilled in the time of Solomon by Solomon building the city of Tadmor that enabled him to control the passage of caravans bearing merchandise and travelling along caravan-routes through the desert

In the past Britain and the USA controlled every imporant international strait and thoroughfares: Examples are Hong Kong, Singapore, Gibraltar, Falklands, Panama, Phillipines, The Suez Canal, Malta, Heligoland, - Everywhere where there was a strategic point of international importance it was usually under British or American control.

Even now many of these places are still controlled by the USA or Britan. The USA has bases all over the world. The USA does not always publicise the existence of these bases but they are known about.

The host countries to whom these bases technically belong have only limited control over them. They cannot just tell the USA to leave. In some cases the host countries are open enemies of the USA and in others they are potential enemies. Even so, they have no real say on a day-to-day basis concerning what the USA does or does not do with these bases, and on them.

The USA has the Wheeler Air Base in Libya, it has a base in Cuba, it has bases in Japan, bases in islands off Japan, in the Pacific Ocean, in the Indian Ocean, in every Sea and in every Ocean, in Greenland, in Saudia Arabia, in the Persian Gulf, in northern Iraq (i.e. Kurdistan); It has all kinds of facitilities of strategic importance all over the world, not all of which are publicised.

The host nations (as we said) in which these bases are located are often America's enemies but they still can do little concerning what America doe. They cannot get America out though these bases potentially allow America access to their vital points in other words they allow America access. They allow America, if necessary, to come in. They are "gates". They are "the gate of your enemies." that were promised to the Chosen People and these promises have been fulfilled through Britain and America.

America and Britain are the only countries who have rights of this type on such an international scale and they are the only nations where these arrangements have become a natural integrated part of foreign and military policy.

In the past Britain "ruled the waves" and all the major Sea-lanes and Sea passes were under Britain's control. Nowadays movement is less important than it used to be Nevertheless, Space is important. The USA has control of Space; it has Satellites and Missiles and a Space-orientated -infrastructure that allows it access by satellite to most places of the world -for the purposes of attack or at least of surveillance. Through its satellites the USA (if it so wishes) can take very-close-up photographs of a lot of areas. In some cases, not only can they see soldiers marching below but they can even discern what signs-of-rank the soldiers filmed bear on their shoulders.

In other words the USA has "gates" meaning avenues of entry, it has means of access to all of its actual and potential enemies. The possession of these gates (of option of entry into these areas) does not guarantee victory in War but it is an advantage. Other countries have got space-programs of their own but none of them so far have acheived anything like the USA. -Not that they are less gifted. It just was not there. They lacked the resources and inclination at the right time. The Blessing to "possess the gates of your enemies" was not pertinent to other nations.

Jacob and Esau: Isaac married Rebecca. Rebecca gave birth to two twin brothers. When the brothers were still in the womb it was said unto Rebecca, Genesis 25; 23:

"And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in your womb, and two manners of people shall be separated from your bowels; and the one people shall **struggle with** than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

So we find that two twin-brothers (Jacob and Esau) were born to Isaac. Esau (25;25) was the firstborn but he later sold his firstborn birthright to Jacob.

After the birth of the twins Isaac was once again blessed, 26;3-5: Isaac was blessed with the giving of all the lands round about to Isaac, a Multiplication of seed, and all the nations of the earth being blessed in him because of the pledge to Abraham and due to the virtue of Abraham having kept the commandments.

Later when Isaac was old he became blind and wanted to bless his son Esau before he died.

Why Esau?

Because (as it tells us in Genesis 25;27 -28). Esau was a hunter, he was a man of the field, and his father loved him. He was apparently a masculine enterprising type such as every father (in some way) likes to see in his male children. Jacob, on the other hand, was a dweller of tents. He was a favourite of his mother.

Isaac called Esau unto him and asked him to go and hunt venison (deer) and bring him food so that with a full heart he may bless him before he died.

Rebecca the mother of Esau and Jacob overhead Isaac speak unto Esau. She called Jacob and told him to go take kid goats that would be prepared to resemble deer meat and to place goatskin on his arms (so that they would appear hairy) and to dress himself in the clothes of Esau and go into his father and pretend he was Esau in order to receive the Blessing.

When Jacob came into Isaac, Isaac said "The voice is the voice of Jacob but the hands are the hands of Esau" and apparently he thought that Jacob was Esau. This is not so far-fetched as we might think. It will be remembered that Isaac was blind and that Jacob and Esau were twin borthers. Brothers from the same family often have voices that sound similar. I know from my own experience. I have sons of my own. Sometimes when my sons ring me on the Phone I do not immediately discern which one of my sons is talking to me even though I know it is one of them.

Isaac gave the blessing to Jacob (Genesis 27;28-29):

"Therefore God give you of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:

"Let people serve you, and nations bow down to you: be lord over your brethren, and let your mother's sons bow down to you: cursed be everyone that curses you, and blessed be he that blesses you.

Jacob received promises of plenty and all the blessings of the Patriarchs. After receiving the blessings, Jacob went out. Esau returned from the field and came in just after Jacob had left. Esau heard that Jacob had come "with subtility (craft) and had received the blessing" (27;35) and that even though Jacob had received the blessing through subterfuge, through trickery, yet he was the one whom Isaac now realised "shall be blessed" (27;33): In other words the Blessings had a spiritual significance. When Isaac gave the Blessing he must have realised that he was only an agent of the Almighty, of God. He was serving as a channel for the Blessing to come from above. The person being blessed was being blessed by God -through him. These Blessings were the Will of God.

Isaac told Esau, "Behold I have made him [i.e.Jacob] your lord", [Jacob was made the "lord" of Esau] "and all his brethren have I given to him as servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him..." (27;37).

Esau plotted to kill Jacob and take revenge but Rebecca the mother of Esau and Jacob heard about it. She persuaded Isaac to send Jacob away, to Padan Aram, to the house of her father, to take a wife from the house of her family.

Before he went, Isaac once again blessed Jacob and said,

"And God Almighty bless you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, that you may be a multitude of people; The expression "a multitude of people" (Kahal-Amim) actually means "a multitude of peoples" i.e. several peoples, in the plural.

"And give you [i.e. may God give you] the blessing of Abraham, to you, and to your seed with you; that you may inherit the land wherein you are a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham" (Genesis 28;3-4).

Isaac was now consciously giving and reaffirming the Blessing to Jacob. He realised that however Jacob had received the Blessing at first, it was the will of God that Jacob receive it. Jacob was promised that he would receive " the blessing of Abraham, to you". Jacob was the inheritor of the Promises and from Jacob would emerge the Chosen People.

Jacob set out to go to Padan Aram. On the way he came to Beth-el, took a stone for a pillow and slept there.

"And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

"And behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon you lie, to you will I give it, and to your seed.

"And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth: and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in you shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

"And behold I am with you, and will keep you in all the places whither you go, and will bring you again into this land; for I will not leave you, until I have done that which I have spoken to you of (Genesis 28:12-15).

There is a principle in Rabbinical understanding of the Bible that The Deeds of the Fathers Are Indications For the Sons, they symbolise what their sons will do, i.e. what happened to Jacob was symbolic of the destiny of his children. Jacob was told by God that,

"I will not leave you, until I have done that which I have spoken to you of", -What does it mean "I will not leave you, UNTIL I have done that which I have spoken to you of"??

Does it mean that after he has done it, that then he will leave him?? No. Definitely not! The Bible says He will not. Rather it may be understood to say that since Jacob was leaving the Land of Israel and going away, in order to take a wife and he was eventually return, SO, the

leaving of Jacob symbolises the exile of his children for the purposes of Divine Providence. Jacob was being promised that even in his state of exile God would look after him, i.e. he would look after his children and would fulfill in him [i.e. in those descended from him] all that which had been promised to them. The Promises have been fulfilled in the Lost Ten Tribes - as Promised even though we believe that in the Messianic Era, even greater Blessings, much greater Blessings, will come upon the Children of Israel and upon all of humanity.

Even so in the Peoples of Britain and America and to a degree also those people of Israelite descent in other parts of western Europe such as France, Holland, and Scandinavia, within the limitations of circumstance and nature, these promises have been fulfilled to a degree in the Lost Ten Tribes. These peoples relatively speaking have been the most blessed: in terms of their average length of life (longevity), relative freedom from disease, ability to heal themselves once they are injured or sick, in terms of their standard of living and the quality of their life, their freedom from oppression, their self-respect in terms of local government and so on, their access to knowledge, to education, from an allround point-of-view they have been the most blessed. That does not mean that everybody is happy in those areas or that the Blessing is felt by everybody in them. Nowadays, through immorality and bad living they now seem to be acting self-destructively and harming each other. Despite all this the blessings were fulfilled in these peoples to some degree and a large proportion of their populations did get close to seeing, somewhere on the horizon, that life in this world can be good in a physical, emotional, and national sense, as well as in a spiritual one. Just being able to beat their enemies against all odds, to help the oppressed, to help refugees, as America did, so did Britain in her own way: just this, - was a Blessing. It gave them a feeling of being "BIG", of enlargement, - it was a blessing in its own right. In Europe they used to say that in every war the British lose all the battles except one -but that one battle that they

do win is always the last. In other words, even though they may have been brave and powerful there was always a feeling that some how God was on their side, that they had somehow been chosen. This feeling was instinctive and it came from the bottom, from the common people. The existence of this feeling was a Blessing. It helped them overcome all the odds against them and the feeling itself may be considered a gift from heaven.

The Jews of Judah: If these peoples are the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel and if in them have been fulfilled the Blessings given to Israel, who then are the Jews?? The Jews are Israelites mainly from the Tribes of Judah, Benjamin, Simeon. and Levi but also including representatives of all of the other Tribes who somehow or other over the course of time joined themselves to the Jews. Judah is the dominant Tribe amongst the Jews just as Joseph or Ephraim (the son of Joseph) is the dominant tribe amongst the Lost Ten Tribes. In Scripture the Jews are represented by the terms Jerusalem, Zion, or Judah.

JUDAH THE SUFFERING SERVANT

Jacob was re-named Israel and had 12 sons who became the 12 tribes of Israel. The physical first-born of Israel was Reuben but since Reuben acted improperly with the concubine of his father the rights of the firstborn were taken away from him and given to Joseph. On the other hand David and the house of David are the truerightful rulers of all Israel. The Messiah is destined to come from David and the Messiah is destined to rule over all Israel. David belongs to the Tribe of Judah. Judah was also destined to keep the Law whereas the other Tribes were not so destined. We see from this that Reuben, and the Tribes of Joseph (Ephraim and Menasseh), and Judah all in their own way could claim a degree of pre-eminence: They all had some claim to the rights of leadership.

"...The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel (for he was the firstborn; but, for as much

as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel and the genealogy [the rights of the first-born] is not to be reckoned after the birthright."

"For **JUDAH** prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's" (1-Chronicles 5;1 2).

We see from this that the chief ruler was to come from Judah whereas the birthright was given to Joseph.

In the Latter days Judah (meaning the Jews) and Joseph (meaning the Lost Ten Tribes) are destined to unite- To live in harmonu - But prior to that there is a natural tendency for tension to exist between them . This tension in Biblical times, after the death of Solomon, resulted in the northern Ten Tribes led by Jeroboam from Joseph, splitting off and forming their own kingdom. Then they were exiled and they got lost and lost knowledge of their Israelite identity and they became the Lost Ten Tribes we have been discussing.

Judah remained. The modern day Jews descend from Judah, Simeon, Benjamin, Levi, and some portions of the other tribes. Historically JUDAH was the leading tribe in the south and it was around him that portions of the other tribes gathered and in Biblical terminolgy JUDAH represents all of the southern entity. Judah remained faithful to the Law as predicted in the Prophets.

"Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but **JUDAH** yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints". (Hosea 11;12).

"Ephraim is the strength of mine head; =in other words, "Ephraim" is my leader.

Judah *is my LAWGIVER*" (Psalms 60;9, 108;9). Judah is the lawgiver; he is the one that gives the law.

"The sceptre shall not depart from **Judah** nor a lawgiver from between his feet.." (Genesis 49:10).

Not only was Judah destined to keep the Law, he was also to be the one allowed to interpret it: He was a LAWGIVER!

In the last days the righteousness of the faith of Judah will be acknowledged:

"...In those days.ten men out of all the languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you" (Zechariah 8;23).

Before he died Israel blessed his sons. He said unto Judah "Yehudah Atah Yoduchah Acheecha" (In Genesis 49;9: יהודה אתה יודוך

This is translated in the KJ as "Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise..." but actually in Hebrew the verse says: "Yehudah, you are he whom your brothers shall acknowledge the righteousness of": The key word "Yoducha" [translated in the KJ as "shall praise] means "acknowledge the righteousness of" i.e. the brothers of Judah, the other tribes, the tribes that went into exile and lost their identity, that did not keep the law: They are destined to acknowledge that Judah had been in the right.

Historically, the Jews of Judah were often senselessly hated, persecuted, and despised. This situaton had been **predicted** by Isaiah:

"He is despised and rejected of men: a man of sorrows...he was despised and we esteemed him not...he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted..he opened not his mouth, as a lamb to the slaughter...the LORD hath laid upon him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah ch.53).

The Jew is the servant of God and the witness to Monotheism: "Ye are my witnesses.. and my servant whom I hath chosen..before me there was no God formed NEITHER SHALL THERE BE AFTER ME" (Isaiah 43;10).

Because the Jew refused to acknowledge conventional lies and deny the Truth of the Biblical Promises and the Oneness of God, he was persecuted: "...For thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter" (Psalm 43;22).

These verses refer to the Jews during their exile. The Jews were senselessly persecuted and despised and suffered from discrimination.

Whatever the reasons for this persecution, If the Jew or his immediate ancestors had not been faithful to the One True God he would not be now susceptible to victimisation. The Bible repeats this essential truth and warns the nations:

"He will avenge the blood of his servants" (Deuteronomy 32;43).

This is talking about the Jews who are called the servants of G od in the Bible.

"He that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye" (Zecharia 2;8): also understandable as meaning "He that touches you, touches the apple of His [i.e. God's] eye".

When people persecute the servants of God it is as if they persecute God Himself!!

"I am very sore displeased with the heathen...for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction" (Zecharia 1;15).

In other words even though some of the persecutions had been decreed by God those who carried them out will be punished because they did more than they should have and gave expression to their own vicious nature and therefore God will punish them

In the end it says, that the descendants of those who persecuted the Jews will submit unto them: "The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee" (Isaiah 60;14).

Finally the two halves of the Israelite nation are destined to re-unite.

: "They shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all" (Ezekiel 37;22).

"Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head.. (Hosea 1;11).

The suffering of the Jews from an historical perspective was not all a tragedy. Other peoples suffered. In the past there were famines (people died of starvation, they eat each other in some places because they were starving, people would kill their own children in some parts of Europe, there were civil wars and massacres and invasions of foreigner and the oppression of tyrants. Everybody suffered but the difference was that the Jews suffered fromthe sake of their beliefs whereas the others suffered from nothing. We at present are not suffering. Thank God, we are all reasonably, most of the time, in fairly good shape. We can afford to look backm on the past and philosophise. If it was decreed for some some reason that a person had to suffer anyway then he would prefer to suffer for the sake of an ideal, for something that he believes in, for the belief and way iof life he wants his people, his family, and his children to go in. He would prefer suffering for something worthwhile suffering for nothing. Who knows misfortunes come upon people?? God has his reasons and it was better for the Jews themselves that they suffer for the sake of GOD, for their belief in the truth. God can be relied upon to reward all those who suffer for Him. He knows how to repay someone and He repays them in the best possible way, in the way that they someselves would chose if they knew all the alternatives before them.

: "They shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all" (Ezekiel 37;22). The unity of origin and destined future union of the Jews with the Lost Ten Tribes of necessity indicates a need for the two bodies even now to evidence empathy towards each other. The Jewish people is an entity in its own right with its own internal characteristics. If the theory set forth in this

present work is correct, and all the evidence strongly indicates that it is, it means that the JEWS and many of the peoples in northwest Europe are in a Biblical sense of the same stock and have a mutual destiny. The Lost Ten Tribes "from the north country, and from the coasts of the earth" (Jeremiah 31;8) are destined to reunite with the Tribes of JUDAH:

"Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head.... (Hosea 1;11).

OTHER INDICATIONS OF LOCATION Lose of Identity: It had been prophesied that the LOST TEN TRIBES would lose their identity; they would no longer be considered "Jewish" (Yebamot 17a) even though in the future they are destined to return: Jeremiah (3;8). Hosea 9;16-17, Hosea 7;8...

They would be in the west: Hosea 11;9-10: **In the north:** (Jeremiah 3;18). Jeremiah (16;14-15), Jeremiah (31;8-10)/

They would be in the "Isles" and "Isles of the Sea", as well as in the North and in the coasts of the earth: Jeremiah (31;8-10), (Isaiah 24;15), (Isaiah 42;4), (Isaiah 51;4-5), (Isaiah 60;9).

They would be at the "ends of the earth" meaning geographical continental extremities when measured from the land of Israel; they would be a Covenant of nations or a "Brit-Am" (Isaiah 49;8-12) in Hebrew, a light to the nations, a sea-faring people, associated with "Tarshish" meaning according to the Talmud with the Atlantic Ocean, they would be a world-powerful people ruling over others. They would enjoy economic bounty, control strategic thorroughfares, be very numerous, have monarchical type governments in many cases, and so on.

All the Biblical indications of position concerning the Lost Ten Tribes should be taken as one coherent whole with each indication complementing the other. When this is done then the only group of peoples found to fit all of the given requirements are those of western Europe

and their descendants. This is especially pertinent regarding the so-called "Anglo-Saxon" nations including those of North America. Historically different tribal groups settled in the British Isles bearing names similar to those of the Tribe of Joseph. Joseph had been given a special blessing of his own (Genesis 46).

THE BIRDS AND FISH IN THE SEA

<Rabbi Yerachmiel Dushinsky is a Rabbi in Cape Town, South Africa. He relates that every year the fishermen of Cape Town would go out in the fishing season to gather in millions of fish that always were to be found at one spot in the Ocean. It happened that one year they went out to the spot and found that the fish had disappeared.

At the same time birdwatchers reported a drastic change in the route of birds migrating northwards. It became apparent that man-made air pollution had forced the birds to change their route to a cleaner airway. The fishermen investigated and to their surprise discovered that the fish also had changed their path in accordance to that of the birds!

What was the connection between the birds and fish? Millions of birds emit excretions whole flying. This organic waste fertilizes vegetation at the bottom of the Sea underneath the birds' path of migration. This vegetation serves as food for the fish.

Rabbi Dushinsky says that he was told all this by a Professor of Life Sciences in Cape Town. Rabbi Dushinsky told the Professor that this had already all been spoken of in the Book of Psalms! Psalm 8 says,

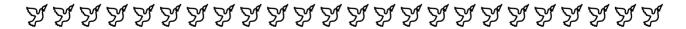
- "What is man that thou art mindfulof him...Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels...
- even so we pollute it.
- "to have dominion over the works of Thy hands"
- -over fish and fowls.
- "The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, passing through the path of the seas."

Both the fowls and the fish **together** move from one place to another and change their path of migration. "O LORD our Sovereign, how excellent is thy name in all the earth"/

The Professor was so impressed from the Biblical description that on the spot he decided to use the verse "The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, passing through the path of the seas" as the motto for his faculty. >>

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COMMENT: The Psalm also contains the expression, "When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers; the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained. What is man that thou art mindful of him." Experiments in a closed laboratory have indicated that the birds have an inbuilt mechanism that directs them to migrate according to seasonal changes in astronomical constellations.



THE IMPORTANCE OF TRIBAL DIVISIONS

<The Children of Israel who went out of Egypt were very numerous. There were more than 600,000 men as well as women and children. It appears that at first they entered the wilderness all mixed together and so they encamped and travelled. After about a year God told them to register according to their Tribes as related in the first chapters of Numbers. All the great events they experienced in the first</p>

year, -receiving the Law at Sinai, erecting the Tabernacle, - they experienced together and the Tribal divisions were not so sharply distinguished. With however their approaching entry into the Promised Land and subsequent division of inheritances the Tribal Relationships apparently became important. From now on every individual was supposed to travel with his family and his tribe and to camp in the encampment of that tribe, each man in his camp and by his Tribal Standard.

The individual was not alone in his appointed times but also did not get lost and drowned out in a great multitude. He now belongs and identifies with his own kind. A division into groups to which one belongs, with each group possessing its own unique tradition, could be fertile and fruitful. Even Tribal Jealousy could increase positive deeds of outstanding significance. On the other hand there is always the danger that jealousy could cause the expression of negative and dangerous tendencies. This has occurred more than once in our own experience.

Precisely however at the time of registration and division into groups is there a need to elevate the value of the individual especially in his own eyes.

For this reason God ordered Moses at the time of registration, [This is indicated in the explanation of] Nachmanides, quoting a Midrash, Numbers 1;49, {Moseswas told to] "To count them with the respect and honor that each of them deserves. Do not say to the head of the clan: How many are there in your family, how many sons do you have, but rather have all of them pass before you with awe and respect.">

Translated from Rabbi Yehuda Shaviv: (:Ha-Irgun and Ha-Yachid, in Shabat beShabto" no.807)'

THE ENEMIES OF ISRAEL HATE GOD ALMIGHTY!

"And it came to pass, when the ark went forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee" Numbers 10;35.

Who are his enemies? These are the enemies of Israel. Whoever hates Israel hates He who spoke and created the world.

"Who ever touches you touches the apple of his eye" (Zechariah 2;8). This verse is actually understandable as meaning touching His eye, i.e. the eye of God.

"They that hate thee have lifted up their head. They have taken crafty counsels against thy people...They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance" (Psalms 83;2-4).

This all concerns the whole community when it is in trouble, what about troubles of the individual?

Psalms 91;15: "He shall call upon me and I shall answer him: I will be with him in trouble." God also helps the individual on an individual level.

Derived from Rashi and Sifri.

"DAN ALSO AND JAVAN GOING TO AND FRO OCCUPIED IN THY FAIRS: BRIGHT IRON, CASSIA, AND CALAMUS, WERE IN THY MARKET" [EZEKIEL 27:19].

Dan refers to the Israelite Tribe of Dan. "Why does Dan dwell in ships?" asked the Prophetess deborah (Judges 5;17 –according to the Hebrew). "Javan" (Yavan) is the Hebrew name for

Greece. The verse in Ezekeil therefore links Dan and Greece together, sharing the same trading activities.

ISRAELITE INFLUENCE ON ANCIENT GREECE















by David Livingstone

Danaans

One of the tribes of the Sea Peoples, referred to as the Denyen in the records of Ramses III, are recognized as one of the twelve tribes of Israelites, the tribe of Dan, or the Danites. The tribe of Dan was one of two tribes, along with the tribe of Asher, whose characteristic mode of trade was seafaring. That the Sea Peoples were possibly Jewish is further attested by the fact that some of the sites mentioned among their conquests are identical with sites known to have been conquered by the Jews. Among them, Dor, on the coast of Palestine, mentioned in Joshua 12:23, taken by the Sikils in the twelfth century, and Aphek mentioned in Joshua 12:18. (Stager, "Forging an Identity", The Oxford History of the Biblical World, p. 132).

Stager mentions: "Archaeologists agree that dramatic cultural change affected not only parts of Canaan but also much of the eastern Mediterranean at the end of the Late Bronze Age (ca. 1200 BC). How much of that change was brought about by the migrations and/or invasions of newcomers to Canaan, and specifically by invading Israelites, is still an open question." ("Forging an Identity", The Oxford History of the Biblical World, p. 128)

The contingent of Danaans hidden inside the wooden horse of Homer's Iliad, are usually identified by scholars as the "Denyen" Sea Peoples, or the Tribe of Dan or Danites. (see Oxford History of Biblical World). The Danaans, according to Greek mythology, were descended from Phoenicians. Io was the daughter of Inachus, a local river, of whom the Ionians claim their ancestry. Zeus loved Io, so out of jealousy, Hera, the mother-goddess of the Greeks, had her turned into a heifer, and Hera had her pursued by a gadfly into Egypt. In Egypt too Zeus loved Io, and through his touch she bore a son called Epaphus. Her son Epaphus had a daughter named Lybia. She bore twins to Poseidon: of these Agenor went to Phoenicia and Belus married a daughter of the Nile and also begot twins, Egyptus and Danaus.

Egyptus and Danaus each had fifty children, Egyptus sons and Danaus daughters. A marriage was proposed between the two families, but either Danaus or his daughters rejected it and fled to Arcadia in Greece, where the Arcadians accepted Danaus as king, after Apollo sent a wolf to kill an Arcadian bull as an omen. The sons of Egyptus pursued their brides across the sea, and Danaus pretended consent to the marriage, but ordered his daughters to kill their husbands on the marriage night and bring him their heads, which he buried separately. Then he found husbands for his daughters among the Greeks by giving them away as prizes in foot-races. Unfortunately, after their death, these Danaids were punished in Hades: they had to carry water in sieves to fill a leaking pot.

The other great branch descended from Io are traced back to Cadmus of Tyre, son of Agenor, the Phoenician king. According to Greek mythology, Zeus carried off his sister Europa, and Cadmus was sent to find her. Unsuccessful, he consulted the oracle at Delphi, which ordered him to abandon his quest, follow a cow, and build a town on the spot where it lay down. The cow led him to Boeotia where he founded Thebes. Later, Cadmus planted the teeth of a dragon he had killed, from which issued a warlike race called Sparti.

Hecataeus of Abdera, fourth century BC Greek historian, and important source to Diodorus, says, making reference to the Egyptians:"The natives of the land surmised that unless they removed the foreigners their troubles would never be resolved. At once, therefore, the aliens were driven from the country and the most outstanding and active among them branded together and, as some say, were cast ashore in Greece and certain other regions; their teachers were notable men, among them being Danaus and Cadmus. But the greater number were driven into what is now called Judea, which is not far from Egypt and at that time was utterly uninhabited. The colony was headed by a man called Moses." (Diodorus Siculus, XL: 3.2)

According to Herodotus:". if we trace the ancestry of the Danae, the daughter of Acrisius, we find that the Dorian chieftains are genuine Egyptians. This is the accepted Greek version of the genealogy of the Spartan royal house; the Persians, however, maintain that Perseus was an Assyrian who adopted Greek nationality; his ancestry, therefore, was not Greek; and the forebears of Acrisius were not related to Perseus at all, but were Egyptian, which accords with the Greek version of the story. But there is no need to pursue this subject further. How it happened that Egyptians came to the Peloponnese, and what they did to make themselves kings in that part of Greece, has been chronicled by other writers." (Histories, VI: 54)

While Greek myths refer to events that took place prior to the Dark Age, known as Mycenaean civilization, they were not compiled until much later. Therefore, whether or not the myths of Danaus and Cadmus actually recounted early contacts between Jews and the early Greeks is difficult to ascertain. In fact, the actual systemization of Greek mythology, particularly of the works of Homer and Hesiod, took place only in the sixth century BC, during a period which coincided with a proliferation of influences from the Near East. It is also known that the compiler of the myths of Homer, Onomakritos, had been accused of forgery.

The emergence from the Dark Age, was brought about through cultural contact with Phoenician merchants, who introduced the Greeks to the rudiments of civilization, a period referred to by the renowned Professor Walter Burkert, as the Orientalizing Revolution of ancient Greece. There were already contacts with the East in the twelfth century BC, and then again in the ninth and eighth centuries BC, when Greek traders established settlements in Syria. Modern archaeologists are nearly all agreed in suggesting contact by Pheonician craftsmen in several parts of Greece from the ninth century onward. (West, The East Face of Helicon, p. 9) However, the real breakthrough happened about 700 BC, coinciding with the Assyrian advances into the Middle East, which contributed to a flow of refugees from the Middle East into Greece and Asia Minor.

The subsequent Middle Eastern influence on Ancient Greece was extensive. The case for the foreign origin of Greek culture is such that, a little over fifty years ago, a German scholar had said: "in view of this state of affairs it could not be called out of the way to ask what there was in Archaic Greece that did not come from the orient." (H. E. Stier, Historia 1, 1950, 227 quoted fr. West, The East Face of Helicon, p. 12)

As M. L. West says, "the religious institutions and usages of Greece from the Mycenaean to the Archaic age show particular connections with those of Syria and Palestine." (The East Face of Helicon, p. 33) Burkert remarks that, the impact on Greek art in this period is evident in imported objects as well as by new techniques and characteristic motifs of artistic imagery. Unfortunately, the prejudices of modern scholars have led them to disregard the overwhelming evidence. He continues:

Even expert archaeologists, however, sometimes appear to feel uncomfortable about this fact and indeed advise against using the expression "the orientalizing period." The foreign elements remain subject to a policy of containment: There is hardly a standard textbook that has oriental and Greek objects depicted side by side; many of the oriental finds in the great Greek sanctuaries have long remained, and some still remain, unpublished. Burkert, The Orientalizing Revolution, p. 4)

THE GERMANS IN AMERICA by Stan Nadel

Brit-Am Claims Verified by an Academic Source!

Brit-Am has stated several times in the past that those people from Germany who migrated to America were on the whole of different stock from those who stayed behind. This claim is backed by sociological, geographical, and ethnic studies. The same applies in many cases to other parts of Europe. The case however is perhaps more important concerning Germany due to later history. The fact that many people in America of German stock support Brit-Am is also significant from our point of view. We identified those who came as Israelites and those who remained behind as non-Israelites. We are speaking in very general terms. This does not mean that all those who came over were of Israelite origin or that none of Israelite origin remained behind. The point applies in a general sense and allows for numerous exceptions. One of the criteria for determining who is of Israelite stock and who is not is the presence or lack of anti-semitism. Groups which for their age and place are over long periods of times relatively free of anti-semitism are more likely to be of Israelite descent than groups that do not display this quality. A major wave of emigration from Germany to the USA occurred in the 1800s. This wave provided much of the source material upon which we based our claims.

Stan Nadel is a researcher of historical sociology at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He finds that amongst the immigrants to the USA from Germany there was relatively little anti-semitism. This is despite that fact that in Germany at that time anti-semitism was deeply entrenched. It was accepted as justified by "scientific" (or almost "scientific") fact. It was prevalent everywhere, at all levels of society. The emigrants to the USA however seem not to have been influenced by this poison. Nadel says that in his view those groups that migrated to the USA from Germany had never allowed themselves while in Germany to be polluted by the prevailing trends. It is implied that they had always been different. This is consistent with the claims of Brit-Am. Nadel was speaking in an entirely different context but his words serve to confirm our claims:

At the same time many prominent anti-semites in America at a later date were of German origin so the possibility of mixed (Israelite and non-Israelite) origins must also be allowed for. At all events Nadel testifies that those who came in the 1800s were different.

Stan Nadel (Department of Social Sciences, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, OK' USA) says concerning a relative lack of German Antisemitism in the USA in the `1800s.

"I've done extensive research on 19th century German immigrants to the US and, based on this literature I expected to find lots of Antisemitism among German immigrants. Instead, as I pointed out (in my "Jewish Race and German Soul in Nineteenth Century America" *American Jewish History*, September, 1987), I found very little evidence of German-American Antisemitism in the historical record (including the pages of the American Israelite which reported lots of Anglo-American Antisemitism at the time). Instead, I found that Jewish participation and leadership was widespread in German-American institutions and communities.

"Surely, if German anti-Semitism was as deep and widespread as the literature suggests, it should have made a more visible appearance in the US among German immigrants. As it did not, I'm inclined to suspect that the German situation wasn't as clearly defined [as suggested]. I have no doubt Antisemitism was widespread among some groups and had the effect [reported]. But I think it must also have been fairly weak among other groups of Germans--particularly those which generated much of the migration to America.

IS ANTI-BRITISH FILM ALSO ANTI-JEWISH?

Edis Bevan in a letter to the discussion group H-HOLOCAUST@H-NET.MSU.EDU raised a question concerning a review in 'Salon magazine' about the new film, "The Patriot" (including the German born producer):

"The core argument is that the film makers have taken atrocities committed by the Nazis and transposed them to the America of the Revolutionary period with the British in the Nazi role. According to respected historians no such atrocities or anything remotely like them were committed by the British in that war. The article asks whether there is a hidden agenda for the film, making the Nazi atrocities of our era ordinary and part of the currency of normal war.

"In short a revisionist tract. One that will downplay and obscure unique features of the Holocaust especially for the American public. Edis Bevan

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE TEN NORTHERN TRIBES OF ISRAEL AND THEIR MIGRATIONS

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"Many such ancient treasures lay within that house of earth, the vast heritage of a noble race, hidden there by someone in times gone by, with deliberate intent"

- Beowulf

Introduction.

The purpose of this work is to chronicle the exile and migrations of the ten northern tribes of the Israelite nation, to identify these tribes among ancient and modern peoples, as well as to encourage and promote their restoration as an autonomous confederation and their right to return to their inheritance in Eretz Yisrael (Land of Israel).

Before we begin with the actual subject of this paper, nothing herein should be construed as anti-Jewish. The author believes the Jews who have kept the holy Torah to be the House of Judah. In the Father's time the House of Judah will be joined by the House of Joseph and united Israel will fulfill their destiny as a nation of kings and priests. Also this author does not endorse the teachings that Britain and America are Ephraim and Menashah respectively, and that Anglo-American Christianity, or anything else for that matter, has replaced Torah observance as the true Israelite faith.

There have been numerous historical works written on the people of Israel, but usually with the false assumption that the Jewish people comprise the whole of the twelve tribes of Israel. In order to correct this assumption it must be clearly shown, first in the Scriptures and secondly through cultural evidence and history, that there are actually TWO houses (groups or families of tribes) and that these two houses have developed into two totally distinct groups of peoples, only one of which are what we call today the Jewish people. This assumption, along with many others, has been cultivated by a religiously induced promotion of ignorance, some call this taking things by faith, which has resulted in an educated aristocracy ruling the mindless masses. The mindless masses have been seduced into a media controlled worldview that has very little basis in historical reality.

On the other hand a few words must be said on "mythology," due to the fact that most of the material that will be used in this work is considered as such by modern scholars and critical thinkers. Mythology is a term used by modern people to describe that which is considered to be the fanciful imaginings of ancient cultures. It is a word used by those who have been reared in western European cultures whose obsession with reason and rational observation have led them to cast anything that does not fit within their paradigm into the realm of legend, folklore, and mythology. It is the firm conviction of this author that if we are to truly understand the social histories of ancient peoples, then we must do our utmost to put our own cultural upbringings aside and study these peoples with "new" eyes. We must approach these cultures as a child approaches the riding of a bicycle for the very first time. And most importantly of all, we must approach them with the intent to learn from them, not judge them on the basis of our own prejudiced perceptions and finite understanding of how things "really" are. These so-called "primitive" peoples did not sit around writing cute little stories for the sake of entertaining "advanced" civilizations to come (Davidson Lost Beliefs 9). They were writing history in the form of stories which to them were sacred. For in these stories was contained, and maintained, the knowledge of who they are, as individuals, and as a people. As the old adage says, "Truth is stranger than fiction," so with that in

mind let us begin with the Biblical account.

Two Houses

There is some discussion among the "old school" scholars (pre WWI) as to whether the twelve tribes of Israel ever really considered themselves one united nation. Some notice the free and independent confederation, or amphictyony, that the twelve tribes were before the monarchy of David and Solomon. It seems that the only thing the tribes of Israel had in common was the legal-religious tradition centered around the Tabernacle and Torah of YHVH. The God of Israel was against the monarchy from the very start, and He took great offence at the idea of a human king (I Sam. 8:7). For He was the true King of Israel, and He had given to each man individual sovereignty in the beginning of His creative work (Gen. 1:26-28). Thus the monarchy usurped His plan for man's freedom and independence and put a creation in place of the Creator.

After the reign of King Solomon (circa B.C.E. 1000) the united monarchy of Israel was split into two kingdoms, the House of Judah in the south, and the House of Israel in the north (1 Kings 11:29-39). Since the time of this division these two houses have developed into two distinct groups of people with two almost completely separate histories. To this very day these two groups of people have not been reunited. Though the theme of the two houses of Israel is prominent throughout the writings of the prophets, it has been almost completely ignored by Biblical scholars (both Jewish and Christian). The understanding of these two houses is the key that unlocks three-fourths of the Scriptures. This understanding sheds an abundance of light on the many obscure passages found especially among what are known as the Apocryphal portions (i.e., the Prophets, the Book of Revelation, etc.) of the Bible. Scriptures concerning the two houses of Israel are numerous: Jer 13:11; 30:3,4; 31:27, 31; 33:7, 14; Ezk 37:15-23; Zech 8:13; 10:6. Anyone who reads these Scriptures will see that there is a very clear distinction between the "House of Israel" and the "House of Judah."

The House of Israel consists of the ten northern tribes, who are called elsewhere in the Scriptures the House of Ephraim, or the House of Joseph, and should not be confused with the southern tribes of Judah and some of Levi and Benjamin which comprise the House of Judah. What we know as the "Jewish people" today are only those who have descended from the House of Judah. **Key to understanding these two houses, we must realize that though the descendants of the northern tribes are Israelites, they are not Jewish. So we see that all Jews are Israelites, but not all Israelites are Jews.**

Assyrian Exile

"In the days of Pekah king of Israel [the Northern Kingdom], Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria came and took Ijon, Abel Beth Maachah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and he carried them captive to Assyria . . . HaShem [LORD] removed Israel out of His sight, as He had said by all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away from their own land to Assyria, as it is to this day" (2 Kings 15:29, 17:23)

The book of second Kings tells us that the Assyrian policy was to actually deport the conquered population and resettle the land with non-native peoples (2 Kings 17: 6, 24). This account tells us that some of the ten (some say nine and a half) northern tribes of Ephraim were relocated to Halah, Habor, the river of Gozan and to the cities of the Medes. The Median (Persian) empire was located in what would be the northern section of modern Iran/Iraq. These northern Israelites are also reported in Scripture to have been as far north and west as Asia Minor and Europe (Isaiah 66:19; Obadiah 1:20).

What we see here in 2 Kings is the actual fulfillment of a prophecy given hundreds of years earlier in the book of Deuteronomy chapter 28:

"But it will be that if you do not hearken to the voice of HaShem, your God, to observe, to perform all His commandments and all His decrees that I command you today, then all these curses will come upon you and overtake you . . . HaShem will lead you and your king whom you will set up over yourself to a nation you never knew - neither you nor your forefathers . . . You will bear sons and daughters, but they will not be yours, for they will go into captivity . . . HaShem will scatter you among all the peoples, from the end of the earth to the end of the earth" (15, 36, 41, 64)

What we have here is the story of a broken contract. These people were in a covenant relationship with the God of their ancestors and refused to honor this covenant by living in the ways that God had shown them in Torah. Hence, from 753 to 722 B.C.E., they suffered the consequences of their behavior and were removed from the land of their inheritance. But these verses of Scripture also give us a glimpse into the lives of a people who seem to have disappeared as far as history is concerned.

"And Judah was taken into captivity to Babylon for their unfaithfulness" (1 Chronicles 9:1; other references to this event are found in 2 Kings 24:10-16; 25:8-12).

We know from the Bible that Judah also suffered the inevitable chastisement of failing to live up to their end of the covenant relationship which HaShem had made with all Israel on Mount Sinai (Ex. 19-20). Judah was taken into captivity by the Babylonians from 605-586 B.C.E. Due to a decree by the Persian emperor Cyrus, the House of Judah was encouraged to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple under the leadership of Zerubabel. A small minority of the Jews took up this offer and returned in the years from 539-520 B.C.E. The records of this return are found in the Biblical books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Chronicles.

"Now the first ones to resettle on their own property in the towns of Israel were priests, Levites, and temple servants. And some of the people of Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim and Manasseh lived in Jerusalem" (1 Chronicles 9:2 & 3; italics mine).

Though a small minority of the northern tribes did return to Eretz Yisrael (the land of Israel), the vast majority of those who returned from the exile were descendants of the Southern Kingdom, the House of Judah, according to the lists given in Ezra, Nehemiah and 2 Chronicles.

But what about the rest of the northern tribes, who did not return? Most scholars have concluded that the northern tribes were either completely destroyed off the face of the earth, or that they were assimilated back into the southern tribes of Judah upon their return to Eretz Yisrael. There is absolutely no Biblical or extra-Biblical historical account to testify for this theory.

Lost Tribes It must be clarified here that many Israelites left before the Assyrian exile and founded colonies, and even empires, to the north and west of the Levant. We can find Israelites among the Greeks and Iberians especially **Greeks.**

There is historical evidence that two groups of people called the Achaians and the Danaans, were among the "sea peoples" who inhabited ancient Greece and the surrounding islands (Hammond 66, 73; Book of History 1793; Wood 210).

The Achaians are classical "Greeks," the famous sackers of Troy and the people from whom Odysseus came. Originally their name was Achiyah, which can be traced through the lineage of Benjamin or Judah (I Chron. 8:7 & 2:25). Though this people is not one of the ten northern tribes, it is certainly an

Israelite people and was paramount in making an indelible impact upon the growth of "Western Civilization".

The Tribe of Dan is the easiest to follow. The Danaans were related to (in Homer these two are mentioned as the same people, id est, of the same nation) the Achaians and years later they show up in Ireland as the Tuatha De Danaan, Celtic for the "Tribe of the God of Dan" (Cross 11; MacManus 5). These Danaans were renowned for their extraordinary physical beauty, exquisite culture and immense knowledge of spiritual power, so much so that they were later elevated to the status of gods and goddesses by those who came after them. More than likely the tribe of Dan, along with other northern Israelites tribes were very much a part of the Semitic "Phoenician" colonies that spread throughout the Mediterranean and even all the way to the Americas.

Iberians and Phoenicians

The dark haired and dark eyed peoples, who are predominately of Rh-negative blood type, that settled Europe and the British Isles long before the Celts and Germans are related to the Basque and Berber peoples of Spain and Morocco respectively (Nyland).

These are the Iberians who are descended from Eber the son of Shem, and/or from a clan of the Tribes of Benjamin or Gad (Genesis 10:24; I Chron. 8:12 & 5:13). One of the Iberian "Phoenician" cities in southern Spain was named "Gadir" meaning in Hebrew "city of Gad". The Book of Jasher tells us that Levi, Issachar and Asher all took wives from the descendants of Eber (Chapter 45). These Iberian Israelites were among the Shemitic Phoenicians who settled Spain and were the founders of Kiryath Hadescath, or Carthage as the Romans called it. Hannibal was famous for leading the Carthaginians in their war against Rome. Many Hispanic families are descended from the Iberian Carthaginians who intermarried with the Celts, Suebi, Vandals, Visigoths and Arabic peoples who migrated to Spain. Most of these peoples are Shemitic descendants of Abraham.

One of the legendary Milesian founders of Ireland was also named Eber, probably after his ancient ancestor (MacManus 11). Another ancient name associated with the Irish is Hibernians from the Asherite and Benjaminite family name of Heber (Numbers 26:45 & I Chron. 8:17). These are the "Black" Irish and Scots found throughout Ireland and Scotland.

The Iberians easily mixed with their Shemitic cousins, the Phoenicians. The name Phoenician comes from the Greek Phoinikes, meaning "Purple ones" or "Redskins" (Durant Greece 8). The idea of the Phoenicians being connected with the color purple could have connection to the Lydians of Asia Minor, who were famous for making their purple dye. The Etruscans were another Lydian people (von Vacano 29). The Lydians were descendants of Lud, son of Shem (Genesis 10:22).

As for the Assyrian exiles, a few extra-Biblical passages lift the veil shortly enough for us to see that the majority of the northern tribes certainly did not return to Eretz Yisrael, their native land, but rather roamed even farther away. The writer of the Apocryphal book of 2 Esdras tells us that:

"They are the ten tribes which were taken off into exile . . . They were taken away into a strange country. But then they resolved to leave the country populated by the Gentiles and go to a distant land never yet inhabited by man . . . Their journey through that region, which is called Arzareth, was long, and took a year and a half. They have lived there ever since" (13: 40-46; italics mine)

We also have a prayer from another Apocryphal writer who longs for his lost brothers to come home, "Gather all the tribes of Jacob together and grant them their inheritance, as Thou didst long ago. Have pity, O LORD, on the people called by Thy name, Israel, whom thou hast called Thy first-born"

(Ecclesiasticus 36:11-12). These were both written a few centuries before Jesus, somewhere between 300 B.C.E. - 50 C.E., indicating that even at this time the northern tribes of Israel had not returned home.

Josephus, who lived just after 75 C.E., wrote in his Jewish Antiquities that "until now there have been ten tribes beyond the Euphrates - countless myriads whose number cannot be ascertained" (XI, V (2)).

There is even a story in Rabbinic literature which relates: "And those four tribes - Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher - remain with their cattle on the bank of the River Sambatyon" (Gorion 131). Yochanan Hevroni Ben David (aka John Hulley), a noted scholar from Harvard University, identifies the "River Sambatyon" as the Bosphorus strait through which the waters of the Black Sea flow into the Aegean. Ben David presents linguistic evidence that the term "Sambatyon" comes from the Hebrew "yam Bithyon" which means the "sea of the Bithynians." He suggests this to be the spot where many of the Ephraimite tribes crossed over from Asia Minor into Europe.

We have no record that the ten tribes stayed together after leaving the "country populated by the Gentiles," but the fact that they continued to identify themselves as Israelites while exiled in far off lands is worth noticing. So even though these northern tribes were scattered, and even somewhat assimilated, among different non-Israelite peoples, there would always be certain physical and even linguistic traits unique to Hebrew culture that would betray the whereabouts of their wanderings. What links do we have connecting the northern tribes of Ephraim to the Indo-European peoples.

Indo-Europeans Mitanni

The origins of the "Indo-European" peoples can be sufficiently traced back to a people called the Mitanni (Durant Oriental 286; Kulke 33). It is my personal assertion that this group of peoples are what the historians called Avraham and his Hebrew progeny during their sojourn in Haran before their "descent" into Egypt and the foundation of the nation of Israel at Mount Sinai.

In speaking of the Indo-European peoples who poured out of Asia Minor into Europe we are truly seeing the prophecy of Genesis 9:27 fulfilled, for many of the peoples of Yaphet did "dwell in the tents of Shem" by assimilating into the myriads of Israelite exiles who migrated north from Media-Assyria.

Cimmerians

Ancient Assyrian inscriptions speak of the Cimmerians (Gimira), a people who lived within the Assyrian's domain (Unger 79). Letter 112 - Arad-Sin to the Overseer of the Palace says, "The Cimmerians went forth from the midst of the Mannai and into the land of the Urartu they entered" and Letter 1237 - Belushezib to King Esarhaddon tells us that "They [the Cimmerians] are the offspring of outcasts, they recognize neither the oath of a god nor agreement" (Capt 115, 119).

According to some scholars, the Cimmerians descended from the tribe of Gomer, son of Japheth, son of Noah (Gen. 10:2). The Jewish sage, Abarbanel, states that the ancients traced the migrations of Noah's three sons, "Asia was taken by Shem; Africa by Ham; and Europe by Japheth" (Scherman 43; italics mine). Gomer was also the harlot wife of the prophet Hosea and the Biblical symbol for the apostate northern House of Israel who had intermarried with goyim, non-Israelite peoples, and taken on their religious ways (see the book of Hosea). The northern tribes, represented by Hosea who was an Israelite, assimilated with the tribe of Gomer, whom the Greeks called "Kimmeri," hardening the guttural ayin of Gimmeri. Therefore changing Gomer/Gimmeri into Kimmeri or Cimmerian (Piggot 175).

Some Celtic and Germanic peoples are possibly the descendants of the Cimmerians. The Welsh have retained their ancient name Cymry to modern times, and the name of Cimbri, a Celtic people mentioned by Strabo and others, can be seen in Cambridgeshire, a county in England. But most revealing

is the national seal of Wales, where we see written Cymry Am Byth, which, when read from right to left like Hebrew, reads Byth Am Cymry, meaning in Hebrew "House of the people of Cymry."

Thracians

Another people who lived north of the Bosphorus strait between 500 B.C.E. and 300 B.C.E. were the Thracians (Thrayke = Thor-achi = people of Thor), a confederation of tribes whom the Greeks called "Barbarians" along with the Cimmerians and Scythians (Arrian 46). The Thracians may have been closely related to the Cimmerians and made many alliances with the Scythians (Israelites).

The ancient Trojans and Phrygians were well known Thracian peoples. The Trojans, made famous through Homer's Iliad, were descended from Tros, or Tiras (T-r-s), son of Yaphet. One of the first recorded kings of the Odrysian kingdom of the Thracians was named Teres (T-r-s) (Thucydides 70 [2.29]). Legend states that Thor was descended from Priam, king of Troy.

Lineage of Thor, Patriarch of the Goths

Noah – Yaphet – Tiras – Laomedon – Priam – Troan (daughter) - Thor

The Phrygians (people of Phryga/Frigga) were well known for their King Midas, and for their excellent skills in agriculture, love of music and poetry, and for their bravery and brutality in war (Book of History 1794, Rawlinson 36), a tradition which they carried to Ireland, Scandinavia and Wales.

Herodotus, the first "anthropologist," described the Thracians as "the most powerful people in the world . . . if they had one head, or were agreed among themselves, it is my belief that their match could not be found anywhere, and that they would very far surpass all other nations" (266), and he states that the Thracian tribe of Getae were "the noblest as well as the most just of all the Thracian tribes" (232). Their lack of a supreme head of government and leadership is very interesting in that the ancient Scandinavians did not submit to monarchal form of government until late in the middle ages. Thucydides agrees on the powerful status of these non-Greeks from the north, but says that they, and anyone else for that matter, were a far second to the warlike hordes of Scythians (98). The Getae are possibly the Goths who branched into the Visigoths (Western Goths) and Ostrogoths (Eastern Goths). According to the Edda, Thor's descendant Odin and his sons migrated north from Asia Minor to become the Gothic, Danish, Norwegian and Swedish peoples (Sturluson, Prose 25-28). The infamous Vikings were the descendants of the Goths who mixed with many of the peoples they conquered, such as the Celts, Germans, Iberians, Romans and Slavs. The Vikings settled northern Scotland, Iceland, Greenland and "discovered" America long before Christopher Columbus. Most of the "royal" families of Europe are descended from the Normans who were Norsemen who conquered Europe and mixed with the Germanic tribes. Israelite tribal names can be seen in the Scandinavian Dani (Dan), Getae/Goth (Gad) and Sveirige (Zve-lon = Sve-lon). The royal dynasty of the Ostrogoths was founded by the Amali clan whose family name comes from the tribe of Asher (Wolfram 9, 30; 1 Chronicles 7:35).

Scythians

It is well known that the Cimmerians were dispossessed of their land by the Scythians (Saka), a nomadic tribe who was reknown for their skills in horsemanship and also well known for their intense hatred of foreign customs, especially Hellenistic culture. Roger O'Connor, Chief of the Irish People, says in his Chronicles of Eri,

"The tradition was perfect in the memory of the Scythian nations, of whom the children of Israel was one . . . the Hebrews in ancient times considered all peoples Gentiles . . . who were not of the Scythian race" and "These people are designated by the general name of Gentiles . . . which conveys no further

information, than that they were of another race of mankind from the Scythians none of the tribes of the Scythian race claiming kindred with those peoples whom I consider aborigines of these regions" (62-63 & 104)

The red headed Scythians, or Saka, seem to have branched into several groups, one establishing the mighty Parthian empire and then migrating through the Caucasus mountains to become the Teutonic Angles, Franks, Jutes and Saxons (Saka = Saxon), these were the "Germans" of Tacitus. The origin of the word German comes from the ancient Parthian province of Carminia (Carman or Kerman), possibly named after Carmi, one of the clans of the Israelite tribe of Reuven (Numbers 26:6).

According to some manuscripts written by Christian monks around 1000 C.E., another Scythian group, the Milesians, took to the sea to become the "Gaels" who migrated to Spain and then settled Ireland, the highlands of Scotland and the Isle of Man. This branch of the Scythian people carried their ancient name as Scotti, or Scots (Scyth = Scot). More than likely the Caledonian "Scots" were the first of the Scythian Germanic tribes to cross over to Britain from northern Europe and settle among the Celts and Iberians who already inhabited the Isles. Evidence for this is that many of the Germanic tribal names given by Tacitus match the clan and tribal names of the tall, blue eyed, red headed highlanders in Scotland.

Many claim that the red hand which is so prominent on many Gaelic coats of arms is the symbol of the royal clan of Zerah-Judah. This would fit well with the ancient description of "Royal Scythians" (Herodotus 211). The modern family of O'Neill (MacNeill, Neal, etc.), who are directly descended from Niall "of the Nine Hostages," the Ard Righ (High King) of all Ireland, still retains the red hand on their coat of arms. A common name connected with Ireland is "Er" or "Eran" which is a family name from the tribes of Gad, Judah and Ephraim (Numbers 26:16, 19 & 36). Remember though that a few different peoples inhabited Ireland before the Scythian "Gaels". Most of these peoples were of Iberian or Celtic stock.

The Five Invasions of Ireland.

Nemedians Ionians (Yaphet) Fir Bolg Ionians (Yaphet)

Fomorians ?

Tuatha De Danaans Tribe of Dan (Celts)
Milesian Scots Scythian (Germanic)*

(* The Christian records have the Scots coming to Ireland from Scythia through Spain by sea, but this cannot be verified by other historical sources.)

The Migrations of Peoples to Scotland.

Iberians Picts

Celts Britons
Scythians Caledonian Scots

Thracians Vikings

It was these Scythians (Israelites) and Thracians (Yaphetic) that mixed together and burst forth into Europe as the Celts, Goths and Germans of ancient history. Most of us, who are of European descent, are a mixture of the above groups, unless we can trace our lineage to remote areas where the peoples remained untainted. The distinction in physical appearance is that the Goths were very tall, very well built, and fair skinned with blue eyes and golden blonde hair, while the Scythians were not as tall as the Goths, medium build, and ruddy skinned (freckled) with straight bleach blonde or wavy red hair, and the

Britons were bigger (in build) than the Scythians, but not as fair skinned, with very prominent thick sandy blond or light brown hair (Dottin 5). The Iberian peoples ranged from olive tanned skin to very fair, black to green eye color, and usually medium height and build with dark brown or sometimes even black hair.

(To be Continued)

Your Tribal Destiny? DIFFERENT TRIBAL CLANS IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE USA!

based on a book by David Hackett Fischer reviewed and analyzed by Yair Davidy

Albion's Seed. Four British Folkways in America by David Hackett Fischer, USA, 1989, 946 pages, Oxford University Press.

"Albion's Seed" divides the USA into four main sections. It traces the early settlers of these parts of the USA back to specific areas in Britain. The book shows how the different regional characters of these areas were influenced by that of the British provinces from which the early dominating elements emerged. Immigration waves that came to America from other countries at later dates all appear to have adopted the standards established by those who had preceded them.

Factors in the Formation of American Society

Hackett (according to my understanding) says:

The USA is considered a "voluntary society" meaning (I suppose) that those who comprise it choose the form it will take, or did so in the past. Most historians explain the determinants of this voluntary society in one of three ways:

- 1. **Origins from European Culture**: This explanation was fashionable in the 1800s. It said that the American system evolved from "Teutonic germs" of free institutions carried from the forests of ancient Germany to Britain then to America. The theory was favored by Atlantic-coast orientated Anglo-Saxons trained in the traditions of the German historical school. [In a modified form it is the concept that Hackett himself favors though he takes account of the other two approaches.].
- 2. **The American Environment**: This doctrine said that the American environment, especially the western frontier, generated the rise of free institutions in America. Cotton Mather and Benjamin Franklin had advocated this idea earlier though Frederick Jackson Turner reformulated it in the early 1900s. The Turner thesis appealed to progressive, materialist mid-Westerners
- 3. **The Process of Transition**: This idea was favored by urbanized Jews of Central European origin. It is more recent than the other notions. It emphasized the processes of immigration and ethnic pluralism as determinants of the voluntary society.

Hackett favors no.1, i.e. the **Origins from European Culture** approach while taking account of the other explanations. He distinguishes four waves of immigration as the determining factors of regional difference in American society. These influences he traces in "ways" of speech; building; family; courtship; gender; sex; child-rearing; naming; ageing; death; religion; superstition (*he calls it "magic"*);

learning; eating; dress; sport; working; relating to time, wealth, and rank; social relationships; institutionalizing; power; attitudes to freedom. In four major regions of Britain all of these patterns of behavior were different. From these four regions people migrated to four major areas of North America and continued the same patterns of behavior in the above fields they had always had. These four different regions producted four diffferent types: Puritans from east England; Royalists from the south; Quakers from the North Midlands and West; Frontiersmen from the north and from Ulster.

The Original Major Four Sections of the American People in the USA

The first four waves of immigration were the determining ones. These four waves came from Britain to the USA in the years 1629 to 1775. These waves comprised:

- a. **Puritans:** From the east of England to Massachusetts (New England), 1629-1640.
- b. **Royalists**: A small **Royalist** elite and large numbers of indentured servants from the south of England to Virginia, ca. 1642-1675.
- c: "Friends" (Quakers): From the North Midlands of England and Wales to the Delaware Valley, ca. 1675-1725.
- d. **Frontiersmen**: From the borders of North Britain and Northern Ireland to the Appalachian backcountry, 1718-1775. By extension this group also determined the character of the "Wild West."

Less than 20 per cent of the American population (says Hackett) have any British ancestors at all but culturally all those who followed were heirs to those who preceded them. Irish Catholics, for instance, continued the traditions and values of Protestant Quakers who went before them to the Delaware Valley. The four original waves of immigration from Britain are still discernible in American dialects of speech, politics, and ideological conflicts.

This work was sent to me by our friend and Brit-Am supporter, Dr Clifford Smyth of Belfast, Ulster, UK. It is a big fat book but well-written and readable. The work is a scientific, historical, sociological study presented in an interesting, even entertaining style. It is well and artistically illustrated with maps, diagrams, and drawings. It is aesthetically pleasing. As a point of criticism it is worth mentioning that the author is a descendant of Quakers and seems prejudiced against anybody who is not of the same descent. Also the Quakers never formed much more than 50% of the population in all the regions they settled in but little attention is given to controibutions made by the non-Quaker elements. In my opinion Hackett is also mildly anti-semitic though he insinuates his prejudice in a liberal patronizing manner. He insists on inserting a paragraph in support of his beloved Palestinians. He is also affected by modern prejudices and predilections. This is exemplified by his over-emphasis on the sexual behavior of those he studies.

The Pertinence to Brit-Am Identity Studies

I understand that Hackett's historical conclusions have also come in for criticism from several quarters. In the future we will point out additional factors of our own that Hackett did not take account of. Most of the criticism seems to say that he over-generalizes and overlooks other elements. Even so even many of his critics in principle agree with him. We ourselves are not engaged here in a simple Book Review or professional appraisal of this work. Our interest lies in the pertinence of this work to Brit-Am Identity studies. From our point of view this work does have something to contribute. This is the first of several articles that will discuss points raised in "Albion's Seed".

In *The Tribes* and our other works we have repeatedly emphasized the claim that Tribal origins are a factor in where people move. We showed how different groups from entirely different areas and distinct cultures merged on the same areas. When we examined the history, characteristics, and namesakes, of these groups converging on the same areas we found that they all had the same Tribal origins. Hackett

does the same thing from a sociological perspective. He says that people from one specific area moved "altogether" to another one. They determined the characteristics of the new settlements in accordance to those they had had in the "old" country. Hackett traces the attitudes of regions in America back to those of regions in Britain. We go further back and trace them from Britain to France, Scandinavia, and Germany and from there to Scythia and from Scythia back to Ancient Israel. Hackett would probably attribute the continuance of characteristics that he notes to cultural predominance. When people from other places later moved to the said areas they adopted the nature of the existing inhabitants. We do not deny the importance of culture but we say that in addition there was a homing instinct. People settled in certain areas as if moved by an unconscious instinct that pushed them to re-unite with members of their own Tribe and within the Tribe with members of their own clan. We have determined that the USA and Britain were populated by Israelite Tribes. They were dominated by the Tribes of Joseph. Joseph had two sons Ephraim and Menasseh. At present Ephraim prevails in Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. Ephraim is also present (along with non-Israelites and those from other Israelite Tribes) in the USA which however is primarily the heritage of Menasseh. Even so, we would suggest (along with the pseudonymous author "Philo-Israel II" in BRIT-AM no.3 in the article entitled "Menasseh Versus Ephraim?") that the Royalist element that moved from the south of England to Virginia belonged to Ephraim. By "Royalist" is intended those who by sentiment were attached to the Stuart dynasty. In England in the period 1642-1660 a Civil War was conducted by the English Puritans and Scottish Presbyterians against the forces of the monarchy which was backed by the **Royalists**. The Puritans won. They beheaded Charles (Stuart) I and harassed the Royalists. The Puritans for a short period ruled over Britain until the Restoration when the monarchy was restored and the Puritans in turn were given a hard time. These changes in political fortune pushed the separate groups to seek alternate solutions for their preferred life-styles overseas. The different loyalties were determined by ethnic factors as much as social and religious ones. A quality of Ephraim is an adherence to the monarchical (Royalist) or aristocratic principle as exemplified by the early settlers of Virginia. The very name "Ephraim" in Hebrew connotes aristocracy. In Biblical times most of Ephraim dwelt west of the Jordan but according to commentators a segment of Ephraim had also been found on the eastern banks in the territory of Gilead of Menasseh (cf. Judges 12;4). This parallels the Royalists in America.

The name "Menasseh" in Hebrew implies Representative Republicanism as found amongst those descended from the **Puritans**. In the Land of Israel prior to the Assyrian Exile the Tribe of Menasseh had been divided into two major sections. One section was west of the Jordan River and the other section was to the east of it in the areas known as Bashan and Gilead. The group designated **Puritans** that went from the east of England to New England was derived from those clans of Menasseh that had been primarily located west of the Jordan River.

The "Friends" also came from Menasseh but included elements from other Israelite Tribes that had attached themselves to Menasseh. Hackett admits that this group never counted more than 50% of Quakers amongst its members though his description concentrates upon them.

The **Frontiersmen** from Northern Ireland and north Britain (including parts of Scotland) were dominated by descendants from Gilead the son of Machir son of Menasseh. Gilead in the Land of Israel was always a relatively wild "borderland" area. This is hinted at in the Bible and described in the Talmud. This lifestyle was continued in North England, Scotland and Ulster and later in the "Wild West" of the USA.

These issues are important and intriguing topics and we will speak further on the matter.

THE DOLLAR BILL AND THE TEN LOST TRIBES!

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Sixteen years after the Declaration of Independence there was promulgated a monetary law in America concerning the currency called "Dollar".

Not many things in American culture actually originated in the United States but most things rather have their origin in Europe. It is well known that the American Dollar actually was an adaptation of the "Spanish Thaler" called Peso. The symbol "\$" originally was the heraldic sign of the Spanish Royal Family which appear on the backside of the Spanish "Pillar Dollar" and represented the two Pillars of Hercules at Gibraltar with a Latin inscription curled around.

The story of the dollar started in the district of Bohemia in Czechia. There was an enormously rich silver mine in the valley of Joachimsthal, and in the 15th century a new coin appeared on the world market, the "Joachims-thaler". It soon became called simply the "Thaler" in Austria and in Germany and wandering northward and northwestward it changed tits name to "DALER" in the countries of England, Holland, and Sweden. [From this evolved the term "dollar"].

In Sweden it was King Gustav I Wasa who minted the first Swedish DALER-coin. Nevertheless it was used only in addition to the Mark-coins that continued to be the official currency dating almost half a century. King Gustav I Wasa was succeeded by his son John III who was married to the Polish Princess Katarina Jagellonica. After John III came his son Sigismund who officially became King of Sweden. Sigismund (who mother was the Polish Princess) as well as becoming King of Sweden was already King of Poland. Sigismund had grown up in Poland and was a devout Catholic. In practice however Sweden was not ruled by Sigismund but by Karl the uncle of Sigismund. Karl acted as regent ("rikforestandare"). Karl was brother of the deceased King John who was the father of Sigismund. Karl was the third son of King Gustav I Wasa and the uncle of Sigismund. Karl immediately convened Parliament and Sigismund was requested to sign an official proclamation respecting the new "Protestant" religion of Sweden. Sigismund did sign but it soon became obvious that he had no intention of fulfilling the conditions of the proclamation. Another Parliament was convened in 1599. Sigismund was deposed and Karl was elected (as Karl IX) in his stead.

It was Karl IX that made the Daler into the new main currency, minting a whole series of "Nova Moneta" –new coins – at the turn of the century in 1599 and in 1600. Karl at this stage was still not crowned when he made his monetary reform and introduced the new "Daler". He appears without a crown on all coins in this series. Even though Sigismund never had a real chance to regain his crown, Karl IX refrained from being officially crowned until 1606, four years before his death.

The new currency was quite exceptional. The coins had God's holy four letter name, the so-called Tetragrammaton, engraved upon them, in authentic Hebrew characters with proper vocalization. Around the Holy Name appears something that looks like the rays of the sun and around the periphery of the coins there were additional texts. Often this additional text indicated the slogan of the King in Latin "הוה" solvatum mea". In Swedish this is "Gud min trost" or "In God We Trust"! Karl IX had a very keen interest in theological questions with an almost "Calvinist" frame of mind. We have to bear in mind that this was the first Protestant nation in the world fighting for its existence against the Catholics.

King Karl IX became neither as famous as his father, Gustav Wasa, who had united Sweden, nor as his son, Gustav II Adolf who died the death of a hero in Germany during the 30-Years War, defending the interests of the regional Protestant Lords and Princes. This was ended with the Peace of Westfalen in 1648 and came to lay down the main lines for the religious map of Europe during the following centuries. It is against this background of an intense struggle between Protestants and Catholics that these "sacred" coins must be understood. The new DALER [i.e. "dollar"] of the Protestants had an almost American

slogan: "GUD MIN TROST". This was the personal slogan of King Karl IX after the custom of Swedish monarchs. "Trost" and "trust" are etymologically the same word even if the English "trust" is [conventionally] translated "fortrosta" in Swedish. Truly the origins of many English words are to be found in Swedish or in the other Nordic languages. The expression "GUD MIN TROST" is comparable with the English "In God We Trust" now printed on every Dollar bill.

Editor's Comment: Gunnar Jeremia Gishron says that the original Dollar sign was derived from a representation of the Straits of Gibraltar. In ancient times these would stand for Tarshish. Tarshish was a state just to the east of Gibraltar facing the Atlantic Ocean. Tarshish was a trading empire linked with King Solomon and other Israelite monarchs. It had outposts in Gaul and Britain and according to one authority once controlled most of Spain and Gaul. Tarshish in Rabbinical terminology came to represent the whole Atlantic area beyond the Mediteranean and this usage was foreshadowed by the Biblical one. In Isaiah 60;9 it says that the ships of Tarshish are destined to bring the Lost Israelites back to the land of Israel. We have interpreted this in our works to refer to the ships of Britain and North America. The ancient northern Israelites before their exile wrote in Hebrew but also used Egyptian-like hieroglyphic signs. They used to insert these signs in the midst of their Hebrew sentences. The principle of these signs is that as a kind of shorthand one can employ a picture-emblem instead of a word. Were we to employ this method today we could use the dollar sign to represent the USA. This sign already represents American money but it could also be used to represent America in general and we would know what the intention was from the context in which it was employed. By the same method the sign could also represent Tarshish since it is derived from an image of the Straits of Gibraltar.

Gunnar also says that the first dollar had the name of God in Hebrew inscribed upon it and the slogan "In God We Trust". It would be interesting to learn if this slogan was later printed on the dollar bill with the knowledge that it had been on the dollar coin or this is another of those historical "coincidences" we have learned to almost take for granted!

GREEK MYTHOLOGY AND THE BIBLE by Joel Adams

The Old Testament Roots of Greek Mythology
A Famous Archaeologist Answers the Question:
"Was Achilles Jewish?"

This is part of a series. We will in the near future also look at the Old Testament roots of Norse mythology. In this study, we will see that the beliefs of the Norse bore a striking resemblance to the religion and culture of the Hebrews, Canaanites, Assyrians, and Babylonians. These cultural "cross-currents" were not unusual, and indicate a Semitic wave of colonization in early Europe.

Let's continue for the present with a look at Greek mythology and see if the Bible in the Apocrypha is correct. In I Maccabees 12:21, we read, "It has been found in a writing concerning the Lacedaemonians (Greeks) and Jews (Judah), that they are kinsmen, and that they are descended from Abraham." Yes, Israelites [conquered or] colonized Greece in early times, and the Greek religion shows us proof of a Hebrew origin as stated in the Apocrypha in the Bible.

The most well known Greek God-hero was the one known as Hercules (the Latinized form of the Greek "Heracles"), whose most distinguishing characteristic was immense physical strength. Interestingly

enough, the "Encyclopedia of The Classical World," states, "The tales of his heroic deeds lend to the supposition that Hercules was originally an historic figure." Who do we know in the Bible that exhibits a like characteristic? The answer, of course, is the Israelite hero known as Samson, whose life was detailed in the Bible in Judges chapters 13 through 16.

One important event in Hercules' life involved his escaping from the clutches of a symbolic woman, who is called "Pleasure." This corresponds directly to the troubles Samson got himself involved in with the harlots of Canaan.

But the most celebrated event in the life of Hercules involved the 12 labors he was ordered to perform by God through the Oracle of Delphi. (Incidentally, "12" was an important divine number in Hebrew religion.) What do you suppose was the very first labor Hercules had to perform? You might have guessed it! He had to slay a lion with his bare hands!

Let's read a paragraph from the book, "Gods, Heroes and Men of Ancient Greece" by W.H.D. Rouse:

"Heracles threw down his bow and arrows and leapt upon the lion's back... while he put his hands round the lions neck...gripped the lion's throat with his two hands, and bending him backwards, throttled him. There lay the lion dead on the ground." (p. 59). In our Bible, Judges 13:6 says that Samson actually tore the lion in two, but the ancient historian Flavius Josephus in his "Antiquities of the Jews" also tells us that Samson first strangled the lion, which is exactly as Hercules is said to have done.

I don't even know that there ever were any lions in Greece. The Biblical Archaeologist Magazine somewhat tersely comments, "Lions, we may remark, are not frequent in Greece." (59:1, p. 17) In fact, the Greek myths explain this one away as the offspring of a monster! But whether there were lions in Greece is not important; Hercules needed to find one anyway. Why? Simply because the Biblical Samson inspired the Greek legend called Hercules, and provided the basis for his life!

Another of Hercules' labors involved his live capture of a wild animal, which he brought home and threw at the feet of Eurystheus. In Judges 15:4, Samson is said to also capture live wild animals, which he released in the cornfields of the Philistines.

A fascinating bit of additional information regarding Hercules is his connection with the Biblical tribe of Dan. The Bible Samson was born of the tribe of Dan. (Judges 13:2-25) Greek history tells us that a people called 'Danioi' came to trade and colonize Greece in ancient times, settling in a region called 'Argos.' The word Hercules in Greek is, 'Heracles,' which is virtually identical with the Hebrew plural word for traders, 'Heraclim,' and Heracles is said to have come from 'Argos,' himself! The Greek myths tell that the Danioi were descended from a patriarch 'Danaos' who was the son of 'Bela,' and sailed from Egypt. In the Bible, the Hebrew patriarch Dan was the son of the concubine 'Bilhah' (Genesis 30:3-6), and the Israelites were in Egypt at the time that 'Danaos' set sail to Greece from there! Heracles, further, is said to marry a girl named 'Hebe,' an obvious and well-known short form of the word, Hebrew! Since the tribe of Dan were traders and colonists who did so much sailing that they "stayed in their ships" (Judges 5:17), it is not surprising to find such connections with ancient Greece.

In another tale from Greek mythology, we read how God through the Oracle at Delphi seemingly ordered a king to sacrificially slay his son Phrixos, as a sign of his obedience to God. But let me quote the story from my Greek commentary: "The oracle said, kill Phrixos and Helle at the altar for a sacrifice, or your corn will grow no more. This was a dreadful blow to the king; but he had to obey what he believed to be god's wish, like Abraham and Isaac in the Bible. And in this case, too, there was a ram, but a different sort of ram from the ram which was sacrificed instead of Isaac. There stood at the altar the two children, ready to be killed; there stood the sacrificer with his knife; there stood the king, full of sorrow. and lo and behold, down came the ram, and up got the boy and girl upon his back, and away he flew into the sky." (ibid., P.92) This is obviously not an exact retelling of the story of Abraham's near-sacrifice of Isaac, but an historical kernel obviously exists, which was corrupted into the present Greek mythology over time.

Another interesting Bible comparison can be made with the Greek hero Achilles, who could only

die by having his heel wounded. What a strange story to tell! That is, it would be strange were it not for the fact that we read such an account in the Bible in the form of a prophecy in Genesis 3:15: "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou SHALT BRUISE HIS HEEL." It can be easily seen how a misinterpretation of this verse could inspire a story of someone dying through a wound in his heel!

The strong connection between the Hebrew and Greek civilizations is well known to scholars of ancient history. Perhaps the leading American archaeologist of the twentieth century is Cyrus H. Gordon, author of over 20 books, and recognized authority on Mediterranean cultural history. In his book, "The Common Background of Greek and Hebrew Civilizations," Dr. Gordon says, "Pagan critics of early Christianity confronted the Church Fathers with some embarrassing parallels, but the Fathers were equal to the challenge and provided answers in keeping with the spirit of their times. There were Fathers who honestly recognized the reality of the parallels but explained them as the mischief of demons who had planted them in Greek literature to harass the Church." (p. 10) Gordon then points out that the definite similarity between Greek early religion and literature, and that of the Old Testament, is not due to demons but to the fact that the Hebrew people provided the basis of Greek culture. In ancient times, Hebrew traders and colonists established trading colonies and settlements throughout the Mediterranean seaboard. Dr. Gordon gives numerous other parallels between Greek traditions and the Bible, such as the "staff of God," in Exodus 17, which appears in the Iliad in 15:318-322. The theme of "washing away uncleanliness into the sea," in Micah 7:18-20, also appears in Iliad 1:312-317. (ibid., p.12-13) The imagery of the sea as a "watery path" in Psalm 8:9 finds its duplicate often in Greek literature. The Hebrew "Cities of Refuge" for a fugitive kinsman who had to flee from an avenger of his own family, is also paralleled in Greek literature as in Odyssey 15:271-278. Likewise, military "triads of officers" in 2 Samuel 23:9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, and 23 are paralleled in Iliad 2:563-7 and Odyssey 14:470-471. In fact, the Hebrew word for military officers, "salis" [shalish], comes from, "salos," the Hebrew number 3. (ibid., p. 17) Early Hebrew burial customs were also paralleled in early Greece. The Bible tells us that when Saul and his sons died, the Hebrews retrieved and burned the corpses prior to burial. (I Samuel 31:12) Similarly, during the Trojan War, Hector's body was retrieved by Priam, and the Trojans "shedding tears, carried out brave Hector and set the corpse on the highest pyre and cast fire thereon." (Iliad 24:786-787) The very same custom was well-known in the Norse and early peoples of Europe, showing another familial connection. As a result of such evidence, Gordon sees Hebrew and Greek civilization as "a continuum instead of two unconnected areas poles apart." (ibid., p.54) Yet some insist on ignoring the mass of such evidence! Gordon comments that the ancient Greek writer, "Herodotus (I:105, 2:44; 4:147ff; 6:47, etc.) knew about the early [Hebrew]-Phoenician penetration of what is now Greek territory. But many modern scholars still choose to discount his testimony and instead follow current schools of thought." (ibid., p. 216)

Other familiar Bible history also has its counterpart in Greek literature. Cyrus Gordon explains (ibid., p. 279), "The analogy between the Greeks and Hebrews goes much further. [The Greek hero] Minos has rightly been compared with Moses. Both are greater than life-size figures who received the law from the Supreme God on a sacred mountain (Dionysius of Helicarnassus, Roman antiquities 2:61) God's law itself has parallels in early Greece. Dr. Gordon comments, "Leviticus 25 makes the theory of real estate quite clear. God owned the Land and the People. The Hebrews... were entrusted with the land as His tenants. They were at the same time to be the landed warrior and administrative ruling class. All this is basically paralleled in Greece." (ibid., p. 295)

The long day of Joshua, where the sun stood still to lengthen the day and ensure a victory, also appears in Greek legend. (Joshua 10:13-14; cp., Iliad 18:239-242) Truly, it would be astonishing for such parallel detail between the Hebrews and Greeks to be mere happenstance!

Dr. Gordon's studies have met with a considerable amount of rightly deserved acclaim in the academic community. The Biblical Archaeologist Magazine devoted an entire issue to his research, and

reported (March 1996, p. 22), "Professor Gordon had been delivering a popular lecture on 'The Common Background of Greek and Hebrew Civilizations,' particularly about the Heroic Age both in Late Bronze Age Greece and in pre-monarchic Israel. Citing the Iliad of Homer and the Biblical book Samuel, he pointed out that the heroes David and Achilles performed essentially the same warlike exploits in search of imperishable glory, the only bulwark against oblivion. The milieu of Achilles and of David were therefore closer to one another than was that of Achilles to Classical Greece or that of David to the Age of the Prophets in Israel. Following the lecture, a little old lady, wide-eyed with astonishment and admiration, made her way up to the distinguished lecturer and asked, 'Does that mean, Professor Gordon, that Achilles was Jewish?'" This insightful woman was on the right track in her thinking, for the ancestors of the early Greeks were Israelites, as the close parallels between the religion of these two nations implies.

Near-Eastern scholar, Dr. Louis H. Feldman, concurs with this in a lengthy article in the same journal pointing out the connection between Greek mythic literature and its source in both the Bible and Mesopotamian religion. He states, "Likewise, Mondi (1990:187) cites the parallel between the Homeric shield of Achilles;

'And upon it he made the earth and the sky and the sea, the tireless sun and the waxing moon, and all the constellations which wreathe the sky.' (Iliad 18.483-485)

And Psalm 136:5-9:

'to him who made the heavens, the earth upon the waters,the great lights, ...the sun..., the moon and the stars."

Dr. Feldman continues, "Furthermore, the scenes on the shield of a city at peace in which the leaders are dispensing justice, repelling aggression, and harvesting, while the king stands by watching happily, correspond to the description in Psalm 72." An obvious inference is that the Greek myths are so chock full of Hebraisms because of Hebrew colonization of Greece in ancient times.

Parallels with Assyrian and Babylon religion are also commonplace in Greek mythic literature. On this, Dr. Feldman comments, "Furthermore, there are parallels in motifs between Near Eastern epics and Homer. In the first place, as Professor Gordon, followed by Considine and Walcot noted there are eight striking parallels between the Baal-Anath text 137, where Baal is restrained from doing violence to the envoys by the goddesses Anath and Ashtoreth, and the scene in the Iliad (1.188-222), when Achilles is about to slay Agamemnon, but is restrained by the two goddesses, Athena and Hera." Dr. Feldman's article continues on these themes for many pages, proving without doubt the connection between Greece and the Near East, including Israel, in very early times. Feldman concludes by saying, "Some would say, as they did with Professor Gordon's 'Homer and Bible' (1955) and 'Before the Bible' (1962), that several of these parallels are commonplaces; but the total effect is what counts. There is now fairly general agreement that the Near East ...influenced Homer." (ibid., p. 19)

It is clear that early Greek mythology shows evidence of not only Hebrew, but also Canaanite, Assyrian, and Babylonian religious culture. That the Greek religion could be influenced by so many streams of different Semitic culture may seem incredible until we remember that Israelite religion was also influenced by these same foreign nations. This heavily mixed amalgam may therefore have been brought to Greece by the Hebrews themselves. At the very least, the strong evidence of Hebrew colonization and culture in ancient Greece should not be ignored.

The story of the Noahic flood is also told in Greek mythology, where Deucalion and Pyrrha built a wooden "chest" to save them. Historian Olive Beaupre Miller, in "A Picturesque Tale Of Progress" says, "The similarity of these flood stories [Greek and Hebrew] is interesting. Here, as in the Bible, the flood is sent to destroy mortals because of the evil in the world, the chest goes aground on a mountain top and the survivors at once offer sacrifice."

Before closing this discussion on Greece and its ancient ties to Hebrew religion, it is interesting to mention that the Greek god-hero, "Adonis," also received his name from the Semitic word, "Adon" or

Lord.

The noted Dr. Cyrus Gordon concluded his book, "Homer and Bible," by stating, "Bold spirits have intermittently maintained the kinship of early Greece and the ancient Near East...we view Greek and Hebrew civilizations as parallel structures built upon the same East Mediterranean [i.e. Hebrew] foundation." (p. 72)

WERE THE BRITISH IN PALESTINE REALLY PRO-JEWISH?

by Yair Davidy

Palestine was the heart of the land of Israel. It was the place where the Jews wished to return to and in many cases HAD to return to since no place else wanted them and they were being persecuted and exterminated in the places they were. The Romans had conquered the Land of Israel from the Jews and renamed it Palestine. After the Romans came the Byzantines and after them the Persians and Arabs. The Turks took over from the Arabs. The Turks joined Germany in the First World War and fought against the British and French. When the Germans and Turks lost the War then the Turks lost their Empire including Palestine. The British took over. The British controlled Palestine (now named "Israel") from 1917 to 1948. There were some Arabs dwelling in Palestine and many more moved in due to economic incentives as the Land developed. The Arabs were hostile to the Jews. Arab countries held petroleum reserves and Arab interests were supported by Moslems in other parts of the British Empire such as India. Due to Arab pressures there were periods when the British restricted Jewish migration to the Land. In the time of the Holocaust Jews were prevented from fleeing to Palestine. Some British officials were anti-Jewish and some even assisted the Arabs against the Jews. There later developed an armed underground amongst the Jews whose aim was to eject the British. We have discussed all this in the past and we will discuss this again.

There is another side to the picture. **Tom Segev** is an Israeli left-wing liberal historian and journalist. He does not seem to like the British neither does he favor the Jews – though he is Jewish. He has written a book (in Hebrew at present but probably in the process of translation) which has become a best seller in Israel. In "Palestine Under the British" (Hebrew: "Yimi HaKalaniot": i.e. "The Days of Red Tulips", Keter 1994) Segev claims that the British helped the Zionists. The British opened the Land up for mass immigration. The Jewish population increased more than tenfold. The Jews were allowed to purchase land, develop agriculture, and open factories and banks, establish hundreds of new settlements including cities, educational and military networks and so on. By virtue of these developments the Jews were enabled to overcome the Arabs when the time came. The British did not receive any benefit from all this. On the contrary, it cost them dearly. At one stage they considered abandoning "Palestine" due to the expense of running it. The British believed that by helping the Jews they were helping Britain. Even the anti-semites among them tended to favor the Jews. The British also tried to be fair to the Arabs and wished to create a combined Arab-Jewish Palestinian society. This was impossible. There was Jewish dissatisfaction with British rule and armed resistance to it. Despite this most of the Jews, including the leadership, wanted the British to stay.

These and similar considerations should be taken into account. The British did help. It is true that they could and should have done more and done it better. Recognition should also be taken of what they did do. In the same way the USA has done a fantastic amount to help Israel but it has also harmed it. It has induced Israel to allow the creation of a heavily armed Palestinian army. The CIA has trained this force. The sole purpose of this training is aimed against the Jews in Israel. The USA and Britain are the Tribes of Joseph but other non-Israelite hostile anti-Jewish elements are also present. Nevertheless very often the non-Israelite lements have been in a minority. Jewish Rabbinical and popular tradition says that in the Last Days the Lost Ten Tribes headed by an Annoited Leader (i.e. "Messiah") from Ephraim will help the Jews of Judah reconquer the land of Israel, develop the land of Israel, gather in the Exiles, and defeat their common enemies. Despite everything Britain and America have (to a degree) already done these things. They are the countries we identify as dominated by the Tribes (Ephraim and Menasseh) of Joseph in our time. We have justified this identification from Biblical and historical sources but even so it also fits in with the Rabbinical tradition! This is just the beginning.